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THE PENALTY OF JUDGMENT

STATEMENTS FROM MAN AND THE BIBLE

THOSE WHO JUDGE ARE ON PROBATION

Three Grades of Criticism Ably Discussed—Information Given to the Profession—Conscience a Singular Quality.

By SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

(The Critic.)

"Judge not that ye be not judged, for with what judgment ye meet it shall be measured to you again." So much for the supremacy of the Bible.

From Thomas a' Kempis, the great Roman Catholic philosopher, we quote another passage: "Turn thine eyes back upon thyself, and see that thou judge not the doings of others. In judging others a man labors in vain, often errs, and easily sins; but in judging and looking into himself, he always labors with fruit." There we have two remarkable statements, one from a man and one from the Bible. Men who judge in the concern of public individuals and affairs of life are always on probation; their lives are singularly conspicuous, and they stand upon a statue planted between the seekers of good and the sowers of evil, in which the words, "Judgment, what is thy reward?" are engraved larger than the size of any catechim or prayer book. Many men who judge are not wise, and many who rail at judgment are foolish. To be a wise judge is folly, even if the judgment is good and of material service to mankind; somebody who is justly judged is scorched, and the egotist who feels the sting of judgment retaliates when he knows who the honest judge is who signs his name. But when he is deceived and don't know who the judge is, his heart is made better. Happy, then, is the judge who signs his name and declares to the world that he is the true, brave, honest martyr of all he surveys; but happier still, for a time, is the man who deceives, who don't sign his name, or uses a fictitious name to shield himself as a coward, and perhaps as a tool for conspirators who contrive to injure an honest man by issuing false statements of criminal slander or libel, to brand a man as a thief or a fugitive. The penalty of judgment upon such men is far greater than that of the man who makes open expressions under the signature of his own name. Judgment or criticism, we may say, is a public necessity that will always be; as fast as one critic of note is disposed of, there will come another in the field, to cause expressions of regret, not quite half so good as the other one. If you are a judge or critic, judgment will find you according to your judgment of each individual judged, which makes the penalty which falls upon you more bitter and costly to yourself in the end than to any one you have judged. If you think you have been wrongfully treated by a critic or judge, let him alone; his time will come; but if you attempt to get square, you will find that destiny has handicapped your efforts because of a malicious temper, and you meet with despair. If we are to take the Bible for our guide, the penalty placed upon a judge makes the price of his responsibility more costly than his hire, of a very unthankful job. The reward for being a judge or critic is one of financial compensation of which his conscience pays the penalty, according to his injustice or lack of mercy. If he is merciful, it is only his duty, and he gets nothing by his earthly pay or salary; if not merciful, he gets his pay just the same, but his reward will be either in heaven or some other place in the eternal hereafter.

There are three classes of judges—presidents, judges and critics, and a collective body of judges known as the grand jury. There are three degrees of criticism—domestic criticism, caustic slander, and criminal libel. These three grades of criticism are generally known and understood by presidents and judges, but not always by stage critics, and especially the incompetent kind we have in these days. Stage critics are only rated as men of limited brain capacity, third-class judges, and of this class there is rarely one in a thousand who manages to shine by test of a growing reputation, and those who manage to shine, of course, are conceded to possess some ability. The vocation of a stage critic belongs to a life of fantasy, where the wicked look for trouble and the weary refuse to rest. So we'll say, a critic who knows it all, as it were, the same as some actors do, has lots of enemies; and the novice figurehead or tool, who don't understand his business at all, gets no reputation to amount to a salary, nothing but a large reception and the warm embrace of a self-conceited actor. Possibly it will be well to define the three degrees of criticism mentioned, for the good of some actors who think that critics and judges of men are exempted from judgment and the penalty thereof, and that all actors may see that the FREEMAN critic has been more of a sacrifice than the actors themselves, for the cause of not only the present age but the future generation of actors; for, after all, none of the actors have received "criminal libel," falsely branded as crooks or even ridiculous caustic slanderous falsehoods that I know of. I am glad that it has fallen to the writer-critic instead of the actors. I can best stand it, and while I am not affected by it, it has a tendency ti heighten the cause. I can teach others by it. I know how to best dispose of it, and I am quite able to defend, if necessary.

"Domestic criticism" is an adherence to the performances and performers, a comment on the parts they play, and on everything pertaining to music and drama. Where criticism even of this mild kind is humiliating to actors, it is nevertheless sought by the public as a portion of their amusement, laughed at, commented upon and forgotten, and were it not for such notoriety many deserving actors would probably never receive any public notice at all, and, as I have said before, it is best for actors who do not see this medium of proper advice, flattery and reproof, as a combination, in the right light, to step right out of the show business and be satisfied. Women who resent criticism the most are generally found among great concert singers. Take a poor woman of autocratic tendencies, for instance; when she arrives to be a queen of song, she is ready to unthoughtfully poke her finger in a critic's face at first provocation, if he has not said that she is the greatest singer of all and the supreme goddess of aristocracy. And you can generally judge such a woman by the fact that she always succeeds in getting a manager who is carried away by her fading beauty rather than by her voice or age, who serves her like a slave and waltzes around her like a monkey.

"Caustic slander" is the second degree of criticism. It consists of a kind of ridicule that is not respectable. It is often insulting and too much of a reproof, and often a deliberate plan to humiliate by commenting on personal affairs or telling falsehoods. There are many editors who have resorted to this cheap kind of judgment, only to find it meted out to themselves in the end. Any two editors or colleague of men in a newspaper office who may enter into a conspiracy to defame another newspaper man, a legitimate business or a man in public life, for hatred or spite, or in favor of somebody else, belong to a species of writers whose works are a hopeless curse to them and humanity. An editor of this class can always be found to be a corrupt politician, always conspicuous in church social society and secret orders, posing as a gentleman when everybody knows well that he is nothing but a second-rank political grafter who runs a newspaper on the side as a sham, who holds a political position and lives on the rebates handed down by the politicians higher up, of graft and tainted money extracted from gamblers, saloonkeepers and houses of ill-fame. And any editor of this class who would deliberately stand upon the grave of another deceased editor to slander his defenseless corpse is a most unworthy Satan.

"Criminal libel," the third degree of criticism, is the worst of any; it is not criticism at all; it is crime, and a lawsuit is hardly as justifiable as a good long term in prison. To falsely brand a man from hearsay by "criminal libel" as a crook or fugitive, either directly or indirectly, to inform the world that a man is not a fit subject to be at large, to live free in the world, to say that he had been arrested at his home and had to leave his home when such is a falsehood, and to falsely state that he was driven from the last place where he was located in business, is of a criminal character very near the danger mark for any writer, even a novice, who may not be aware of the temerity of the task he has undertaken. Any writer in this particular line, no matter whether he abbreviates or writes a person's name in full, is guilty of a crime equal to a criminal who is tried by a jury. Every man in the newspaper business, it matters not whether he be an heir to General Grant or Christopher Columbus, the limit of their misdeeds are always measured by threatening danger and seething judgment. Even secret orders have men who buy false honors. I would rather be a backslider than an Elk under the command of an ignorant Grand Exalted Ruler. I want to call the attention of actors to the fact that I have seldom resorted to any "caustic slander," and as for "criminal libel," never. This is sufficient to instruct actors that a novice that would stoop low enough, as a writer of stage news, to resort to false criminal proceedings would not only attact the writer, who is fully able to stand it, but would disgrace anybody in the show business at least provocation. We have at present the novice writer or scapegoat for certain actors and the conspirators who run the newspaper and control him. Trust him not. You have the skillful current writer. Abide with him and you have the FREEMAN critic of experience as a guiding star. You are to judge between whoever you choose.

There is a singular quality in judgment called conscience, in which the feelings of the soul, heart and mind of each human being are penetrated, a tender tie of relationship which should bind us nearer to our Creator, and through which medium dare no man be permitted to judge another except his capability be worthy and his judgment be lighted by love and compassion. As each judge who is guided by this precept journeys, he improves. Hence, we are not to go from civil judgment to caustic slander and criminal libel and expect to reap a proud reward of exemption; we will not; we will meet with death, hell and destruction.

DR. B. T. WASHINGTON'S POWER.

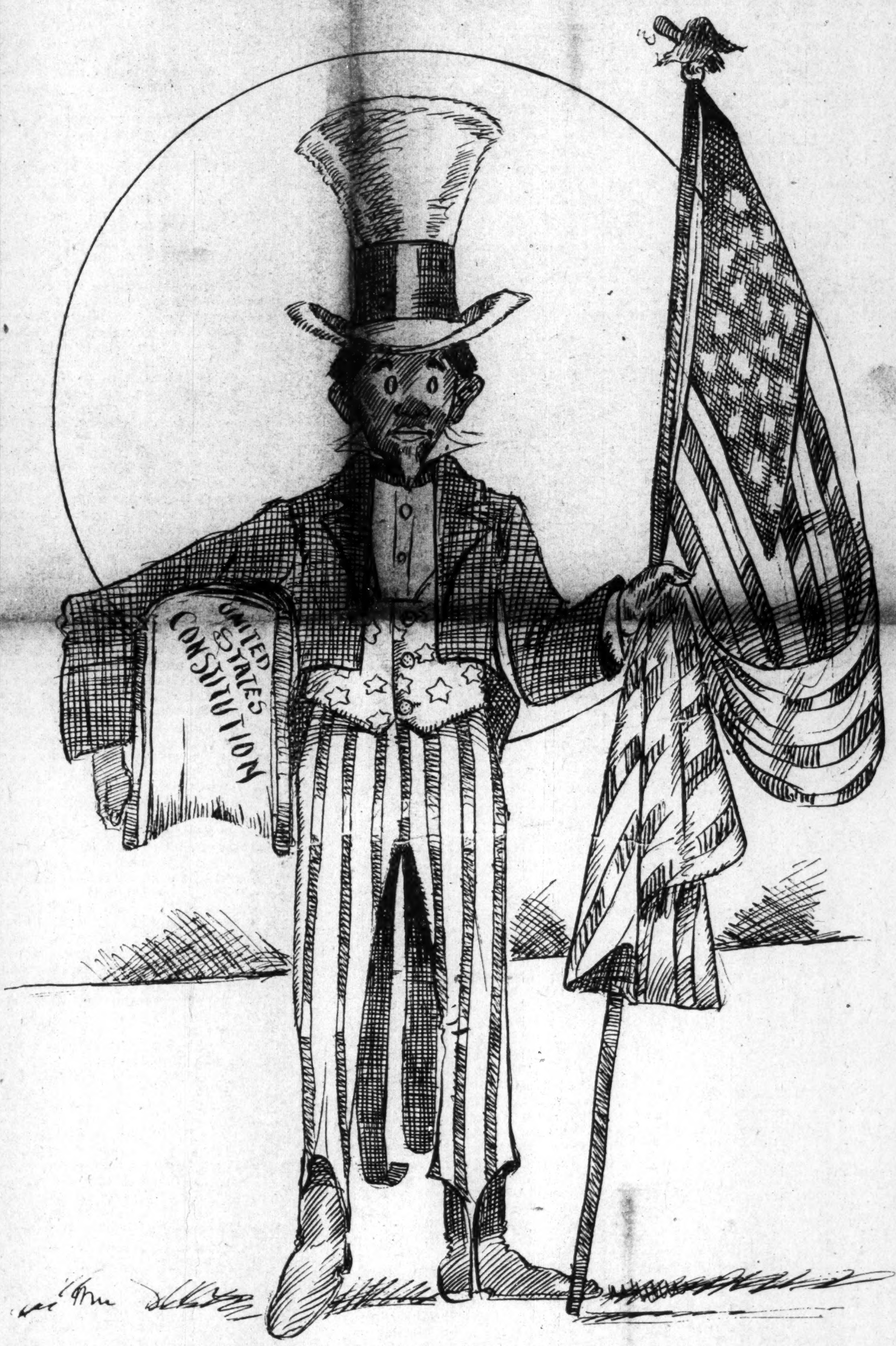
A South Carolina Caucasian Journal Analyses the Secret of His Remarkable Strength.

Editorial from Daily Item, Sumter, S. C.

It is to the predominance of common sense in his intellectual make-up and to his practical, comprehensive understanding of actualities that Booker T. Washington owes his wonderful success as an educator and his fame as a leader of the Negro race. He won this leadership and fame not as an orator and theorist, but as a worker and doer of things that other would-be leaders of the Negroes rejected as beneath their notice and unworthy of their time and talent. He had the genius, or the practical, hard common sense (call it what you may) to see and to know, and the courage to proclaim his faith, that the stone that the other builders rejected was worthy to be made the chief stone of the temple dedicated to the uplift of the Negro race. He did not discover that honesty and well-directed effort are the essentials to success and advancement, racial as well as individual, but he applied this well-known economic principle to the solution of the Negro problem. And the practical application of the principle, despite discouragement and active opposition of many of those whom he sought to benefit, and the success that has crowned his efforts, furnish proof of Booker T. Washington's genius. That is the fact that stands out above all the others.

As a public speaker Booker T. Washington has marked ability; he talks fluently, interestingly and earnestly; he has personal magnetism and eloquence, but with all these he could neither draw such an audience as he addressed yesterday afternoon in the Opera House, nor hold their undivided attention, unless he had back of him a record of good work well done. His speech was a strong speech, and full of wisdom and good advice, and so seasoned with humor that it appealed to all who heard him. The speech was a good speech, and it was so well conceived that it pleased both white and black. But, to come back to the original thought, and to emphasie it so that it will not be forgotten, the speech, while it was an excellent one, was made worth while only by the fact that back of it stood the personality of the man who has made his place in the world as a leader of nine millions of people by a lifetime of well-directed, successful effort to uplift his fellows and guide their feet in the pathway of industry, honesty, morality and clean living.

THE NEGROES ARE NOW AMERICANS.



"This is their only country and only flag."—Taft's Inaugural address.

NEWS NOTES OF THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.—Mr. W. L. Houston, grand master of the G. U. O. of O. F., has gone to Chicago, where he will take up the active practice of law as a partner of Edward H. Morris, one of the leading lawyers of the State of Illinois. Mr. Houston is a graduate of the law department of Howard University, and is a speaker of pronounced ability, being eloquent, magnetic, witty and convincing. He has been connected for several years with the War Department and is regarded as one of the best posted men in the service. Mr. Houston is well known in his new field, and, being of a companionable, genial disposition—a good "mixer"—he is sure to meet with a warm welcome in the "Windy City." He has been called "Judge" by his friends here, and there is a feeling that ere many years the Illinois bar will be calling him Judge Houston in earnest.

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Mr. John H. Paynter, author of "Joining the Navy," is engaged in writing a new book, dealing with the folk-lore of the Negro.

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Mr. R. W. Thompson, the national correspondent, has returned from South Carolina, where he made a tour of the State in company with the Booker T. Washington party. On the way to Washington he stopped over at Charlotte, N. C., for a day or two, as the guest of Bishop and Mrs. G. W. Clinton, at their beautiful home, "Elmhurst Manse."

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Mr. W. C. Brown, formerly assistant to Congressman Jesse Overstreet, may return to Washington, in the event of the appointment of his chief to a national position here.

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Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis produces "The Jewish Ruler," Friday evening, at True Reformers' Hall, supported by a competent company. She starts shortly for an extended tour which will carry her to San Francisco and other points on the Pacific coast. She will return in the fall by way of Texas and the Gulf Circuit. Her repertoire embraces many new selections this year.

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Mr. Emmett J. Scott, the newly designated commissioner to Liberia, will be in the city in a few days to confer with President Taft and the State Department with reference to the duties devolving upon him in connection with the proposed investigation into Liberian conditions. A banquet in his honor has been suggested as a suitable recognition of the race's satisfaction over his appointment and as a testimonial of personal regard for the man himself.

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There is nothing new in the matter of official patronage. A scramble for the recordership of deeds is imminent, but Mr. Dancy is not permitting himself to get excited over the rush. Should there be a change in the office he now holds, it is believed that his superior talent as a campaigner and splendid service rendered President Taft will commend him so strongly that he will be tendered "something equally as good." No candidates to succeed Auditor Tyler have announced themselves, and it is understood that there are no applications on file for the job held down by Register Vernon. Judge Terrell and District Attorney Gobb are on solid ground. This leaves the "Black Cabinet" in pretty good shape, for the present at least.

SHERMAN, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Copies of THE FREEMAN for sale at Mrs. G. W. Hume's handsome cafe and Messrs. James Carson and William Mann's handsome tonsorial parlors....Recently Mr. Luke Dupree, one of our highly respected young men, and Miss Minnie Miller, belle of Muskogee, Okla., were united in the holy bonds of wedlock, Rev. M. N. J. Milligan officiating....Mr. Dock Fitzgerald is numbered among the sick....The Co-Operative Grocery Company, with Messrs. Abe Holdness, John W. Fenet, S. L. Ham, G. W. King and Van Tate as stockholders, has opened up, corner of East and Brockett streets, with a fine, large stock of groceries....Mr. L. C. Culberson has returned from Fort Worth, where he visited the Fat Stock Show....Mr. H. D. Givens and L. C. Culberson do some excellent fine cleaning, pressing and dye work.

QUINCY, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. B. L. Skinner, of Chicago, Ill., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Alice Taylor.... On men's day at the Culture Club they rendered a splendid program. Mallory Brothers' Company were the guests of Mrs. Oliver Jackson....Mr. I. E. Foster left Monday for East St. Louis, Ill., to publish a paper. It will be known as the Western Courier....Mrs. H. Gillman, of Chicago, Ill., is the guest of Mrs. Oliver Jackson.

DR. WASHINGTON'S TOUR

THROUGH THE "PALMETTE STATE" IS A SUCCESS

RECEIVES OVATION AT MANY POINTS

Addresses Made from Rear of Special Car at Many Places—Generous Hospitality Received Everywhere.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 22.—Dr. Booker T. Washington's tour of South Carolina, which started from this city last Sunday morning, came to an end last night at Gaffney, S. C. The itinerary included Rock Hill, Winnsboro, Columbia, Camden, Sumter, Orangeburg, Florence, Charleston, Anderson, Greenville and Gaffney, with stops at numerous other places on the road, where the "Wizard" addressed the assembled multitudes from the rear platform of the special car in which the party traveled.

Great crowds greeted Dr. Washington at every city visited, and the largest opera houses and auditoriums were wholly inadequate to hold the people who wished to hear the message the race's most distinguished man had to deliver. In every audience and at every railroad stop, among the thousands who listened to the speeches of Dr. Washington, were many white people, who joined heartily with their colored neighbors in making him welcome, applauding his remarks to the echo. Mayors, members of city councils, boards of aldermen and other municipal officials vied with the populace in honoring the visitors, and the party everywhere left behind them a stronger feeling of harmony and good will than had existed before they came. The weather throughout the week was fine; no accidents happened, and in every particular the trip was a glittering success.

The immediate party consisted of Dr. Booker T. Washington, Emmett J. Scott, his private secretary; Mr. Nathan Hunt, stenographer; Dr. J. A. Kenney, resident physician at Tuskegee Institute; Mr. J. H. Washington, director of industries at Tuskegee Institute; Major R. R. Moton, commandant at Hampton Institute and secretary of the Jeanes Fund; Mr. W. T. Williams, of Hampton Institute, agent of the Slater Fund; Bishop George W. Clinton, of the A. M. E. Zion Church; Mr. R. W. Thompson, of Washington, D. C., and Mr. Charles Stewart, of Chicago, newspaper correspondents.

Others who traveled with the party all the way or a portion thereof were: Editor C. P. T. White, of the Rock Hill Messenger; Editor C. F. Holmes, of the People's Recorder, Orangeburg; John Merrick and C. C. Spaulding, managers of the North Carolina Mutual and Provident Company, of Durham, N. C.; Z. E. Walker and Rev. E. M. Brawley, of Sumter; T. A. Williams, of Newberry; Dr. J. R. Levy, of Florence; Dr. C. L. Walton, of Georgetown; Dr. E. D. White, of Rock Hill; Dr. J. H. Goodwin, J. H. Garner, Rev. R. W. Baylor and R. W. Westbury, of Columbia; Rev. W. B. Fleming, of Winnsboro; Rev. E. W. Bowen, of Lexington; Rev. I. E. Lowery, of Florence; Rev. J. J. Durham and Cyrus Campfield, of Aiken, and others, who assisted largely in making the trip pleasant and profitable.

Generous hospitality was dispensed by the good people of every city, and those who had never traveled through the Southland before were amazed at the many evidences of substantial prosperity and happiness that they saw, and to the denidens of the soil the trip was a confirmation of their belief that the Negro is making rapid strides toward the things that make for high-grade citienship and tend to develop the rich resources of the section that is to be forever his home.

Dr. Washington's speeches were warmly received and met with the heartiest approval at the hands of the press and both races throughout the journey.

An extended account by our special correspondent will appear in our next issue.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. B. Robinson is ill...Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, of Erie, Pa., are the guests of Mrs. Christ Hamilton...Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kemp, of Salem, are located in the city now...Miss Rhodabella Moore, of Cleveland, is visiting her grandma, Mrs. John Holmes. ...Miss Mary Lincoln entertained o number of friends in honor of Miss Rhodie Graham, of Wellsville...William Saunders will conduct skating at the Auditorium Rink Monday evening, March 29...Mrs. James Sounders, Mrs. D. B. Donald and Mr. Dodd are ill...Mrs. Philip Tucker underwent an operation at the city hospital...Mrs. Samuel Boggess has been apointed to a position at the Wilberforce College...Miss Grace left for a visit in Cleveland Monday...Mrs. Ernest Thompson and Mrs. Doules Whitehead are on the sick list...The following deaths have occurred in our city in the past week: George Talley, of Roland avenue, leaving a wife and a number of relatives; John Beverly and son John, leaving a wife and mother and a number of relatives... Armstead Harper, of East Front street, died Monday at 1 p. m. He leaves a wife and daughter Hazel. He was a member of Logan Lodge K. of P. and U. R. Co. D.

PARIS, KY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Willis Freeman is very ill. His daughter, Mrs. McGown, of Mt. Sterling, Ky., is at his bedside...Mrs. Janie Johnson is very ill at her home...Rev. P. T. Graham, Mrs. Mollie Redmon, Johnnie Whaley and Henry Letton will attend the M. E. Conference that meets March 24 to 29 in Indianapolis, Ind...Mrs. Garfield Simpson has finished her beautiful cottage in the new addition and will occupy it...John Ayers has the best equipped barber shop in the city...The Odd Fellows have organized a Grand Master Council and are getting ready for the Grand Lodge that meets in Nicholsvile July, 1909. ...Ben Hawkins, of Columbus Ohio, is at home with his mother and father for a week's visit.

Women and Their Interests

By "DOROTHY."

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK.

It's the easiest thing in the world to point out the proper course for others to pursue.

The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do well, without a thought of fame.

Good manners are made up of petty sacrifices.

Absence destroys trifling intimacies, but it invigorates strong ones.

Kindness is the golden chain by which society is bound together.

Never speak well nor ill of yourself. If well, men will not believe you; if ill, they believe a great deal more than you say.

Trust him little who praises all; him less who censures all, and him least who is indifferent ao all.

Never leave that till to-morrow which you can do to-day.

One of the hardest things in life is to realize that sometimes the thing that hurts most is really a blessing in disguise.

MISS BURROUGHS TO BE IN NASHVILLE.

Miss Nannie H. Burroughs will address two meetings at Nashville early in April, under the auspices of the Women's State Convention of Tennessee. The first meeting will be on Monday night, April 5, and will be known as the Big Nashville Meeting; the second on April 6, in East Nashville.

NEW ORGANIZATION.

The women of Cœur d'Alene, Idaho, have organized the Afro-American Women's Progressive Club. The purpose of the organization is charitable work and social service. The officers are: Mrs. Porter, president; Mrs. J. H. Jones, vice-president; Mrs. Ed Price, secretary; Mrs. Burnside, treasurer.

Mrs. Odell Graham, of Minneapolis, Minn., is the editor of St. Peter's A. M. E. Church Bulletin, a publication issued each week in the interest of the church. It gives a list of new members, members who are ill, and accounts of all social affairs, together with the order of services. It is quite a creditable sheet, and is of much benefit to the members and friends of that congregation.

MRS. ODELL GRAHAM.

A number of women public school teachers of Washington have received a promotion.

The New York Legislature has passed a bill establishing a farm for reformation of women.

San Francisco has a "Colored Ladies' Social and Industrial Club," which is doing some good work.

The Duke of Saxe, who is also manager of the Court Theater, lately issued an order forbidding kissing on the stage.

Miss Bessie Burden, of Richmond, Ind., has secured employment in the dental parlors of a prominent dentist of that city.

For the first time a woman journalist, Mme. Flamonkova, has been allowed to sit in the press gallery and report the proceedings of the Berlin Landtag.

The Young Woman's Christian Association of New York city is giving a complete course in dressmaking, teaching the French system. Mrs. Helen N. Curtis will instruct the class.

Mrs. Fannie Barnes Williams, of Chicago, recently addressed the Bethel Literary and Historical Association of Washington. Her subject was "The Responsibility of the Hour."

Miss L. J., San Francisco, Cal.: Cannot give desired information in this issue, but will do so through these columns at the earliest possible date, or, if you will send self-addressed envelope, will send direct to you.

The Heliotrope Circle of Nashville, Tenn., met recently with Mrs. Durant Houston. Mrs. Lofton read a paper on "Woman's Opportunity." The Fleur de Lis Art Club met with Mrs. L. H. Lewis, and Mrs. Kealing gave a paper on the "Negro in Literature."

Miss Hattie White has been appointed superintendent of the Lamar Hospital at Augusta, Ga. She is a graduate of the Lincoln Hospital at New York, and took a post-graduate course in London. She has previously held the position of assistant superintendent at the McDonough Hospital at New York.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Luie E. Delatte has returned New Orleans from Tampico, Mexico, after one month's visit with her grandfather.

WALLA WALLA, WASH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The porters and bootblacks of Walla Walla held a meeting Monday evening and organized a union, so that they may affiliate with the trades council, and thereby give and receive protection by the American Federation of Labor, and elected the following officers: William Davis, president; Harry Holmes, vice-president; M. G. O'Brien, secretary and treasurer.

LINCOLN INSTITUTE NOTES.

Through the efforts of Dr. Allen, the faculty and students of Lincoln Institute have had within the last few weeks a veritable feast of intellectual "good things," including lectures and addresses from some of the most prominent Missouri legislators and other parties of renown. The chaplain of the House, Rev. Dr. A. M. Martin; Representatives Leckliter and Rose; Dr. Bishop, of St. Louis, with an illustrated lecture on tuberculosis; the Hon. C. T. Chamberlain, one of the newly appointed regents; Principal J. Silas Harris and Dr. T. C. Unthank, of Kansas City, are among the number of those who recently have inspired by their presence and excellent addresses.

The Hon. Mr. Swanger, ex-Secretary of State, who now for several years has given a medal to the senior young woman making the highest average for the year, has renewed his offer to the class of '09; and President Allen offers now, for the second time, a gold medal to the one who leads the sophomore class for the two years of Normal work. A medal, for the first time, will be offered to the student who makes the best marks in scientific and practical agriculture.

The Sorority gave a high-class banquet on the 20th inst., in honor of Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Allen and the fraternity.

SELMA, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. Andrew Gill, one of Selma's most highly respected citizens, was buried last week. Mr. Gill was a Christian gentleman, a member of the Congregational Church, and had the respect and confidence of all who knew him. He left a wife and several children, who have the sympathy of all of our people. By his industry and economy he had accumulated quite a competency. The race can ill afford to lose such men, and our loss is heaven's gain. ....The continued rain for the past few days has caused the Alabama river to overflow its banks, and many of our people in the lowlands were forced to leave their homes....Our people are very much interested in what is said to be President Taft's Southern policy. None are found to agree with editor Ben Davis, of the Atlanta Independent....Rev. Morse, of the Congregational Church, is visiting relatives in Georgia.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

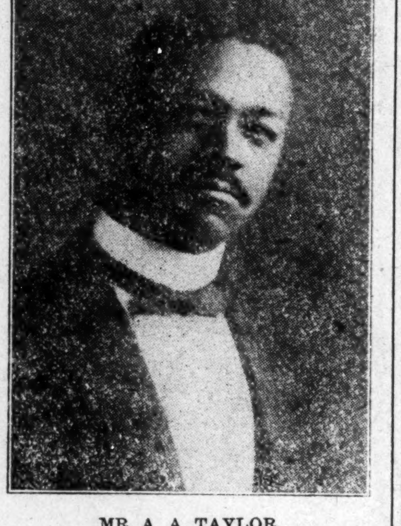
Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. T. J. Goodall, pastor of the Fifth Ward church, is able to out again after several days' illness....Dr. E. W. D. Isaac will preach at the Fifth Ward Baptist church, Sunday, March 21st....Miss Lulu C. Dix is preparing to entertain her many customers at an early date....Miss Natalie Jenkins of Meharry college is the guest of Miss Alma Harris....Mrs. Flagg of Nashville, spent Sunday in the city visiting friends... Mrs. Lulu Woolfolk and Mrs. Charlie Radford of Nashville spent Sunday in the city. ....Dr. Reynolds is in Nashville on business....Mr. Sam Steele is able to be out again after undergoing a serious operation at the infirmary....The Twentieth Century Band under the direction of Prof. J. P. Steele are now able to render some beautiful music....The entertainment given by the Fisk Jubilee Quartet at St. Peter's March 12th, was a success in every way....All persons desirous of securing the Freeman can get it at 1034 Main street, by calling on George P. Ligon....Miss Gertrude Henzley of Poston street is yet quite ill.

A SELF-MADE MAN.

A Substantial Citizen Has Poetic Ability.

We present to our readers this week a sketch of Mr. Alfred Taylor, a well-known young man of this city. THE FREEMAN takes an especial pride in Mr. Taylor, first because he is virtually an Indianapolis product, having lived in this city since he was seven years of age, and secondly, because his attainments as a writer, a musician and a business man have all been the result of his own efforts and lofty aim. He was born in Kentucky, and was brought by his parents to this city, where he attended the common and high schools, graduating from the latter with honors with the class of '88. During the years he attended school he supported himself by working out of school hours. Soon after his graduation he took the civil service examination and was appointed a mail carrier, which position he has held nearly twenty years. During his employment in government service, as in his earlier years, he has made good use of his time, turning every moment to a profitable account. He owns a desirable home in an aristocratic portion of the city, and is looking ahead for a rainy day. He has also developed into one of the leading musicians of the city, and is leading violinist in the Y. M. C. A. orchestra, an organization that he has done much to build up. He has a charming wife, Mrs. Virginia Harvey Taylor, who ranks among the city's best dramatic readers. Notwithstanding the busy career Mr. Taylor has had, he has been accompanied since early youth, as he states, by an unseen but not unfelt presence which has whispered in his ears rythmical lines of poetry and song. For years, as he tells us, he gave no heed to the unbidden muse, hoping thus to be relieved of further visits from the bounteous dame; but still they continued, by night and by day, until, with pencil and pad, he began to jot down the messages she brought. His verses bear the impress of real poetic genius, and in them he shows a keen insight into nature and into the varied phases of human life. We publish below extracts from poems written by him.



MR. A. A. TAYLOR.

TIME.

O Time, where is thy abode?
  Is there for thee no day of rest?
What divine power, what goad
  Urges thee onward at thy best?

Man lives but a day, but life is time.
  He sleeps ere the day's task is o'er.
Thou no resting place can find:
  Thy pendulum swings evermore.

Life is everlasting to him who heeds
  That inevitable calling of the times:
Live to-day, to-morrow; lives are deeds,
  And the fleeting time is forever thine.

Not in the shadows of days gone by,
  Nor at the shrine of posterity we bow;
In the world of strife to-day we try,
  We realize our time is now.

WATAH MILLYUN TIME.

Some folks lubs de winter—de days of col' an' frost,
When all de trees am bare an' looks lak dey was lost.
Mighty sad an' dreary—a leetle too col' for de res';
Accordin' to deh thinkin', de summa's lots de bes'.
But ye cain't please eva'body—ain't no use tryin';
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Dey grow so plump an' juicy, gittin' sweetah all de time.
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I thought dat I was happy when de ole 'ooman was sho-nuff mine,
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Way down in de country, drivin' along de pike,
Don't believe in stealin'—knows it's far from right;
But jes' had to git out o' dat wagon an' over de fence with a jump,
Turned over a great big millyun an' give it a hearty thump;
Don't git uneasy! Folks won't min' where I'se a-gwine;
Dey know you nachullay wander about in watah millyun time.

SPRINGTIME.

By A. A. TAYLOR.

Oh, the joy of the happy springtime, when the winter days have passed,
And the sweet song of the zephyr lulls to sleep the winter blast.
The tender buds and leaflets peep out to greet the day;
The song birds in the woodland carol their tuneful lay.

Aurora, flushed with wondrous skill,
Builds his flame on the eastern hill;
His fiery streamers, arching high,
Reflect the sunlight under the sky.

The dewy calm of the morning broke
As zephyrs sing to the monarch oak.
The aerial chorus, never still,
Its rhythm echoes from hill to hill.

On Nature's harp the gentle winds
Play their airs, and the forest chimes;
The swinging foliage, clinging fast,
Dances the shadows on the grass.

How sublime is the aerial lake!
Its fleecy billows form and break,
Now drifting slowly in its snowy shroud—
The mountains of lazy-floating cloud.

Higher still, in the eastern skies,
The dazzling sunbeams tumultuous rise;
Their pennons, gleaming with living light,
Awake the winter's dormant life.

Promiscuously blooming among the leaves,
A thousand buds upon the trees
Burst forth anew in colors bright,
Their fragrance perfuming the morning light.

Wee budding lonely vine,
Thy tender shoots begin to climb,
When the springtime gently spoke,
Thy growth is twined about the oak.

Oh, would some power to me unfold
The hidden secrets Nature holds!
The bloom of the flowers and the songs of the birds—
The jocund Springtime's silent words.

Winding down from the grassy slopes
Through aisles of flowers of riotous growth,
Sprightly flowing, with rumble and song,
The meadow brook hurries along.

SINGING BY LEGISLATION.

Senator Procter, of the Indiana Legislature, will introduce a bill providing for the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" in the schools of the State once a week. Just why this song is preferred over "America," the recognized national hymn, is not known. We take it, however, that the senator would have more attention paid the flag as one of the best means of teaching patriotism. We will think that he holds that love for the flag is simply the greater way of manifesting love for the country, the idea so prominently set forth in "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

Although "The Star-Spangled Banner" is much the prettier, it is much more difficult to sing. It, however, has one of those taking airs that seems to just fix itself in the mind, and it is not a great while before lips and tongue are in obedience. It has often been remarked that neither of the songs are of American origin as to the tunes, and that either lack that something—the body, we may say, for lack of a better expression—that characterizes "The Marseillaise" of the French, "The Watch on the Rhine," by the Germans, or "God Save the Queen," or King, as the case may be, by the English.

Song writers have tried to make good by composing a satisfactory national song, new throughout. So far they have failed or the people, it may be, are not nearly so interested in the change as the composers and the knowing ones. The songs of the foreigners, especially those of the French and Germans, seem especially fitting. In either there are a few bars of profoundness, musically considered, that seem worth the songs if all the rest were poor, tame. The "Marseillaise" is particularly rich in this respect—martial, inspiring. The German song is full of that which suggests reverence for the fatherland, in the air as well as in the words. Our "America" sings of the "sweet land of liberty" and the rest of it, but the music is tame—lacks in vigor as well as that other something that speaks as loud as words—the appropriate musical composition. The words of "America" are nothing short of patriotism; they, however, are fettered by one of the simplest of airs that were ever sung. The "Star-Spangled Banner," as a musical composition, is much to be preferred above "My Country, 'Tis of Thee." It has a stirring strain, something like what is heard in the French, begins a trifle like the German song. As a whole it only does what it sets out to do—reveres the flag. The last part, the refrain, or chorus, or whatever one may choose to call it, is rich in soulful music, not breathing of war, as parts of the "Marseillaise" impress, nor of land or country, but a sort of exultation—winding up by shouting in praise of the thing. The music is glorious, of a musical festival order, not of that deep significance that attaches to the foreign songs, and yet vastly more significant in the musical composition than "America." "America" as a tune is tired; it makes one tired to sing it. It is sung because it is proper to do so, owing, of course, to the abominable tune.

But the people are not disturbed, as the rule, most of whom prefer the easy tunes; can't come too easy for them. So, peradventure, "America," the national hymn, is with us for keeps. It is not nearly so vivacious and inspiring as "Dixie," the tune of the South, but at that it has served its purpose. What the tune failed to bring out was supplied by those well-chosen words. Men have also wept, fought and bled under its inspiration. The dead—mute lips, millions of mute lips—have sung the artless strains, a fact which holds them near and dear—the best-known tune in all the world½

WILL THE CANAL PAY?

The question is now being asked, Will the Panama Canal pay? It will take a good long term of years, doubtless, to reap a money reward. But, happily, there are more ways of looking at it than one. In the first place, the glory of it will add to the glory of the nation, which is a safe, albeit a long time maturing investment some times. Such investments also mean a money value, inestimable, accruing to the whole country. Were it not for the great remains of the elder world to be seen in Italy and other countries of ancient renown, they would cut but a sorry figure in the financial world of this day. Rome is yet drawing interest on the money spent, and time, in the erection of the vast temples, ways and acqueducts, not to speak of the lesser manifestations in art form. The great accomplishments of the world bid fair to win the admiration of the people in this day, bringing visitors from the end of the earth like unto Sheba's Queen, who looked with pardonable amaze on the works of Solomon.

Then, cutting out the too sentimental, about the canal we opine, flourishing settlements will jump up as at the touch of the magi, which will at once add greatly to the material prosperity of the nation. Further yet, that convenience arising from the time saved and labor is so much spiritual capital of the nation whose interest will also widely distribute, making way for the greatness of the nation testified in the performance of works that contribute to the people's welfare. The greatness of past nations are best and most satisfactorily told through the effort put fort hfor the general weal. In fact, governments as such leave no other testimony of worthiness to exist excepting through great deeds done, whether through its laws or the more tangible evidences. So the canal cannot go wrong, regardless of the appalling cost.

And, after all, who gets the cost? The millions are not burned or buried. They, if judiciously spent, will circulate among the people, and not a few of them will find their way back to the treasury of the general nation. Money, as best understood, is like matter, non-destructible. If it is not here, it is there. The only serious thing to guard against is the thing of money-grabbing—the chance of making millionaires out of the people's project. We imagine the people will not like to see their money go that way.

NEGRO EDITORS.

The Sentinel of Memphis has its Vol. 1, No. 1. As usual it thinks to fill a long-felt want. The salutatory was a splendid thing—hopeful, conservative and brilliantly written. The editor apparently is resourceful, suffering no paucity of thought or word. He means to do well by the Memphis public—real well—judging by the exuberance of his expressions. His gait is rapid and none the less pleasing. If he keeps it up the Sentinel should make a noise like prosperity in that section. Good judgment, rare good judgment, is essential to those of the race that speak that the public hear. The editor, if we may think of him as he appears in the salutatory, is within the classification:

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But so often, at least we think so, the editor is reduced to the one lone voice in all the wilderness. The beautiful platitudes fragrant with wit and understanding seem as so much seed sown in waste places—non-productive. But perhaps this is over-sensitiveness on the editors' part; they sometimes fail to take into account the readers, who in the most part are not prepared to take on so much intellectualism as is sometimes displayed in the editorial columns. Then, again, it may be that some of the seed have fallen in rich soil, producing good by the hundredfold, although not seen of men. This being possible, the Sentinel's editor and those of other publications should do their utmost continually, feeling that the labor is not in vain, even if we cannot always trace a satisfactory result.

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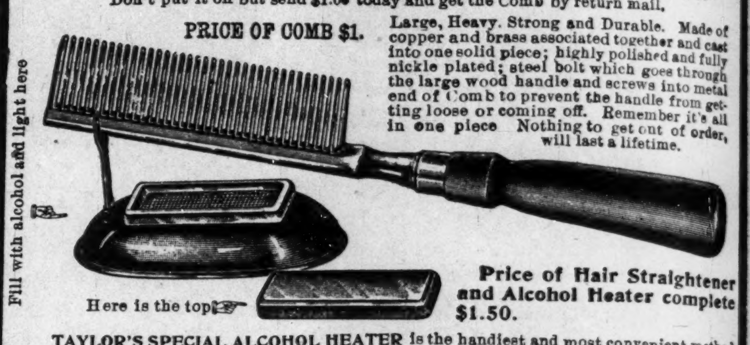
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"Say, my name's Sagebrush Charley," he cried, with a show of importance. "I'm ranch boss for Payson. If you want to settle any old claim agin Jack, I'm actin' as his substitoot for him this evenin'."

"On the contrary," said Lane, with a smile at Sagebrush's outbreak, "he has a claim against me."

It was such a pleasant, kindly look he gave Sagebrush that the foreman was disarmed completely.

"I'll tell him," he said over his shoulder.

Dick mused over the changes that had occurred since he had left the region. Two years' absence from a growing country means new faces, new ranches and the wiping out of old landmarks with the advance of population and the invasion of the railroad. He wondered if Jack would know him with his beard. He knew—his mirror told him—that his appearance had changed greatly, and he looked twenty years older than on the day he left the old home ranch.

His trend of thought was interrupted by the entrance of Jack on the porch from the house.

"My name's Payson," Jack began hurriedly, casting a hasty glance backward into the hallway, for the ceremony was about to begin. "You want to see me?"

"Jack," cried Dick, holding out his hand eagerly—"Jack, old man, don't you know me?" he continued falteringly, seeing no sign of recognition in his friend's eyes.

Payson gasped, shocked and startled. The man before him was a stranger in looks, but the voice—the voice was that of Dick Lane, the last man in the world he wanted to see that moment. Frightened, almost betraying himself, he glanced at the half open door. If Dick entered he knew Echo would be lost to him. She might love him truly and her love for Dick might have passed away, but he knew that Echo would never forgive him for the deception that he had practiced upon her.

Grasping his friend's hand weakly, he faltered, "Dick—Dick Lane!"

Jack realized he must act quickly. Some way or somehow Dick must be kept out of the house until after the marriage. Then he, Jack, must take the consequences. Dick saw his hesitation. It was not what he had expected. But something dreadful might have happened while he was away, there had been so many changes.

"Why, what's the matter?" he asked anxiously. "You got my letter? You knew I was coming?"

"Yes, yes, I know," lamely answered Jack. "But I expected notice. You know you said"—

"I couldn't wait. Jack, I'm a rich man, thanks to you"—

"Yes, yes; that's all right," said Payson, disclaiming the praise of the man he had so grievously wronged with a hurried acknowledgment of his gratitude.

"And I hurried back for fear Echo"—

"Oh, yes. I'll tell her about it when she's ready to hear it."

"What is the matter, Jack? Are you keeping something from me? Where is she?"

"In there," said Payson feebly, pointing to the door.

Dick eagerly started toward the house, but Jack halted him, saying: "No, you mustn't go in now. There's a party—you see, she hasn't been well; doesn't expect you tonight. The shock might be too much for her."

Jack grasped at the lame excuse. It was the first to come to his mind. He must think quickly. This experience was tearing the heart out of him. He could not save himself from betrayal much longer.

"You're right," acquiesced Dick. "You tell her when you get a chance. Jack, as I was saying, I've made quite a bit of money out of my Bisbee holdings. I can pay back my stake to you now."

"Not now," said Jack nervously.

Would this torture never end? Here was his friend, whom he had betrayed, come back in the very hour of his marriage to the woman who had promised first to marry him. Now he was offering him money, which Jack needed badly, for his prospective mother-in-law was complaining about his taking her daughter to a mortgaged home.

"Sure, now," continued Dick, pulling a roll of bills from his pocket. "It's $3,000. Here it is, all in one bundle."

"Not now. Let that wait," said Jack, pushing the money aside.

"It's waited long enough," cried Dick doggedly. "You put the mortgage on your ranch to let me have the money, and it must be about due now."

"Yes, it will be due, but let it wait."

"What's the use? I'm all right now. I brought the cash with me on purpose. I wanted to square it with you on sight."

Dick pressed the money into Jack's hand, closing his fingers over the roll of bills. With a sigh of relief, as if a disagreeable task was completed, he questioned, "How's Bud?"

Jack replied shortly, "All right; he's inside."

"I didn't write to him," cheerfully resumed Dick. "I didn't want the kid to know. He is so excitable he would have blabbed it right out. I'll sure be glad to see the boy again. He's impulsive, but his heart's all right. I know you've kept a lookout over him."

This trust in him was getting too much for Jack to bear, so the voice of Polly crying to him to hurry up was music to his ears. "I'm coming," he shouted. "I'll see you in a few minutes," he told Dick. "I've something to tell you. I can't tell you now."

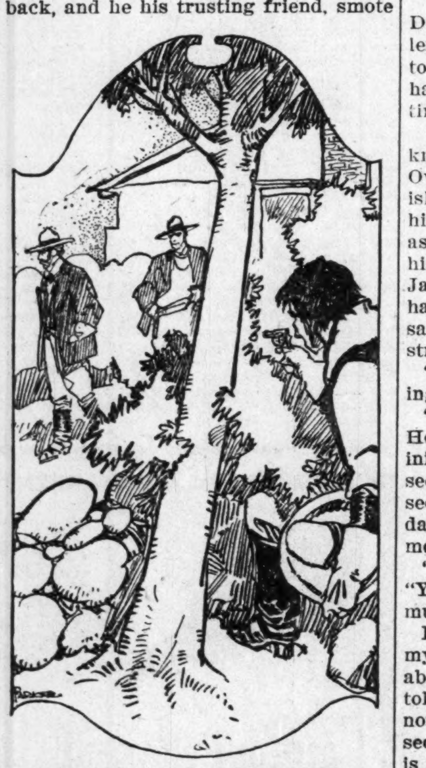
"Go in, then," answered Dick. "I'll wait yonder in the garden. Don't keep me waiting any longer than you can help."

Dick turned and walked slowly toward the gate which led to the kitchen garden, a part of every ranch home in Arizona. It was cut off from the house by a straggling hedge, on which Echo had spent many hours trying to keep it in shape.

Jack hesitated about going into the house. Even if Echo married him he knew that she would never forgive him when she learned of his dastardly conduct from Dick Lane's own mouth. It was better to sacrifice the life of one to save three lives from being ruined.

Jack followed Lane up, partly drawing his gun. It would be so easy to shoot him. No one would recognize Dick Lane in that crippled figure. Jack's friends would believe him if he told them the stranger had drawn on him and he had to shoot him in self defense.

Then the thought of how dastardly was the act of shooting a man in the back, and he his trusting friend, smote him suddenly, and he replaced the pistol in its holster. "It is worse than the murder of 'Old Man' Terrill," he muttered.



Neither had noticed Buck McKee

Dick walked on, entirely unconscious of how close he had been to death, with his friend as his murderer.

So interested had the two men been in their conversation that neither had noticed Buck McKee hiding behind the hedge, listening to their talk and covering Jack Payson when he was following Dick with his hand on his revolver. McKee heard Payson's ejaculation and smiled grimly.

Jack's absence had aroused Jim Allen, who hurried out on the porch, storming. "Say, Jack, what do you mean by puttin' the brakes on this here weddin'?"

"Jim—say, Jim, I—I want you to do something for me!" cried Jack as he rushed toward his future father-in-law, greatly excited.

"Sure," answered Allen heartily.

"Stand here at this door during the ceremony and, no matter what happens, don't let any one in."

"But"— interrupted Allen.

"Don't ask me to explain," blurted Jack. "Echo's happiness is at stake."

"That settles it. I've not let any one spile her happiness yet, an' I won't in the few minutes that are left while I'm still her main protector. Nobody gets in."

"Remember, no one, no matter who it is," emphasized Jack as he darted into the house.

Jim Allen lighted his pipe. "Now, what's eatin' him?" he muttered to himself; then, "They're off!" he cried, looking through the window.

The Rev. Samuel Price began to drone the marriage service.

It is the little things of life that count after all. Men will work themselves into hysteria over the buzzing of a fly and yet plan a battleship in a boiler shop. A city full of people will at one time become panic stricken over the burning of a rubbish heap and at another camp out in the ruins of fire swept homes, treating their miseries as a huge joke.

Philosophers write learnedly of cause and effect. In chemistry certain combinations give certain results. But no man can say, "I will do thus and so; this and that will follow." All things are possible, for few things are probable.

Dick Lane had planned to shield Echo by writing to Jack Payson, letting him break the news of his return. Fate would have it that she would not know until too late of his escape. A letter sent directly to her might have prevented much unhappiness and many heartaches. Not till months later, when happiness had returned, did Jack realize that his one great mistake was made by not telling Echo of Dick's rescue.

Both Dick and Echo might have had a change of heart when they met again. Echo was young. Dick had wandered far. Both had lost touch with common interests. Jack Payson had entered her life as a factor. He was eager and impetuous. Dick was settled and world worn by hardship and much physical suffering. Now Jack was at the altar racked with mental torture, while Dick waited in the garden for his traitorous friend. The innocent cause of the tragedy was sweetly and calmly replying to the questions of the marriage ritual, while Jack was looking, as Allen said to himself, "darned squeamish."

"According to these words, it is the will of God that nothing shall sever the marriage bond," were the words that fell upon Allen's ears as he stooped to look in the window at the wedding party.

"The sky pilot's takin' a long time to make the hitch. Darned if I couldn't hitch up a twenty mule team in the time that he's takin' to get them two to the pole," said Allen, speaking to himself.

Dick had grown impatient at Jack's absence and wandered back from the garden to the front of the house. Spying Allen, he greeted him with, "Hello, Uncle Jim."

"That's my name," answered Allen suspiciously, "but I ain't uncle to every stranger that comes along."

"I'm no stranger," laughed Dick. "You know me."

"Do I?" replied Allen unconvinced. "Who are you?"

"The poor orphan you took from an asylum and made a man of—Dick Lane."

"Dick Lane!" repeated the astonished ranchman. "Come back from the dead!"

"No; I'm not dead yet," answered Dick, holding out his hand, which Allen gingerly grasped as if he expected to find it thin air. "I wasn't killed. I have been in the hospital for a long time. I wrote Jack. He knows."

"My God!" Allen cried. "Jack knows—you wrote to him—he knows!" Over and over he repeated the astonishing news which had been broken to him so suddenly. Here was a man, as if back from the dead, standing in his own dooryard, telling him that Jack knew he was alive. No word had been told him. What would Echo say? This, then, explained Jack's strange request and his distress.

"And Echo?" Dick questioned, glancing toward the house.

"Echo!" The name aroused Allen. He saw at once that he must act definitely and quickly. Echo must not see Dick now. It was too late. The secret of his return on the wedding day must be known only to the three men.

"Look here, Dick," he commanded. "You mustn't let her see you. She mustn't know you are alive."

Dick was growing confused over the mystery which was being thrown about Echo Allen. First Jack had told him he must wait to see her, and now her father tells him he must never see her again or let her know that he is alive. His strength was being overtaxed by all this evasion and delay.

"Dick," said Allen, with deep sympathy, laying his hand upon the man's shoulder, "she's my daughter, an' I want her life to be happy. Can't you see? Don't you understand? She thinks you're dead."

"What are you saying?" cried Dick, trying to fathom the riddle.

"You've come back too late, Dick," sadly explained Allen.

"Too late!" echoed Dick. "There's something back of all this. I'll see her now."

He started to enter the door, but Allen restrained him. "You can't go in!" he shouted to the excited man and pushed him down the steps. It was an easy task for him, for Dick was too weak to offer much resistance. "No, you won't," he gently told him. His heart bled for the poor fellow, whom he loved almost as a son, but Echo's happiness was at stake, and explanations could come later. More to emphasize his earnestness than to indicate intention to shoot, he laid his hand on the butt of his revolver, saying, "Not if I have to kill you."

Dick began to realize that whatever was wrong was of the greatest consequence. It was a shock to him to have his oldest, his best friend in the west treat him in this fashion.

"Jim!" he cried in his anguish.

"You've got to go back where you come from, Dick," sternly answered the ranchman. "If ever you loved my daughter, now's your chance to prove it. She must never know you're livin'"—

"But"—

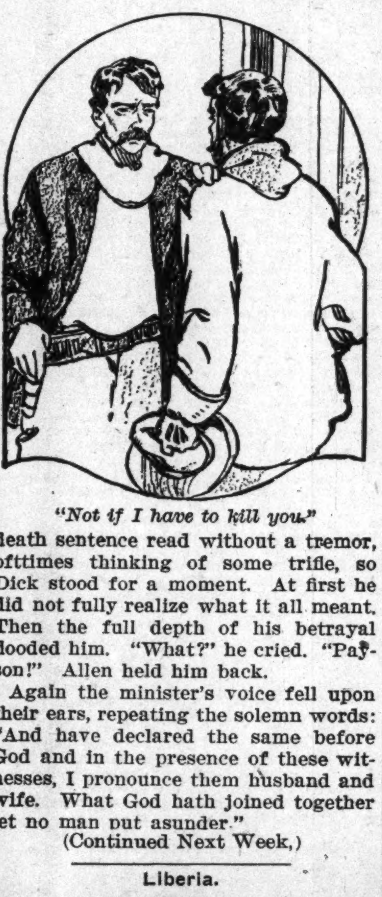
"It's a whole lot I'm askin' of you, Dick," continued Allen. "But if you love her, as I think you do, it may be a drop of comfort in your heart to know that by doin' this great thing fer her you'll be makin' her life better an' happier."

"I do love her," cried Dick passionately, "but there must be some reason. Tell me."

Allen held up his hand to warn Dick to be silent. He beckoned him to follow him. Slowly he led him to the door and, partly opening it, motioned him to listen.

"Forasmuch as John Payson and Echo Allen have consented together in holy wedlock," were the words that fell upon his ears.

As the doomed man stands motionless before his judges and hears his death sentence read without a tremor, ofttimes thinking of some trifle, so Dick stood for a moment. At first he did not fully realize what it all meant. Then the full depth of his betrayal flooded him. "What?" he cried. "Payson!" Allen held him back.



"Not if I have to kill you."

Again the minister's voice fell upon their ears, repeating the solemn words: "And have declared the same before God and in the presence of these witnesses, I pronounce them husband and wife. What God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

(Continued Next Week,)

Liberia.

Booker T. Washington is of the opinion that the affairs of Liberia, Africa, is in a bad way, and that this country should feel a responsibility for the maintenance of the country as it was originally intended. Mr. Washington cites other colonies or dependencies that have been materially assisted while Liberia has struggled to where it is without any such aid. Of course we on this side cannot see Liberia, cannot know its real condition; do not know whether their trouble is in their stars or in themselves. We see no reason why Liberia should not be assisted if the country needs it, nor do we see why the country is not amply able to care for itself after all of these years.

The fact that pestilence and disease have not wiped out the colony or reduced it beyond the ordinary result of pestilence and disease elsewhere, declares for a healthy climate. And as it is understood the soil is fertile. Natural products are plentiful. What is needed more we cannot conceive of. Barter and exchange are the essentials of all beginning nations. Our own country is illustrious example of that idea.

Money is not of much importance during the earlier periods of countries; it comes afterward as society grows complex, and then simply to expedite business. The created wealth are the stores and farms on which the script or gold or what not is uttered. The Liberians insist on the emigrant having much money. As we see it, it is not the thing. Everyone must be able to produce—this goes to exchange. Mere money, excepting gold, which is itself a commodity of exchange, being merchandise in that it is valuable intrinsically, without production, means nothing. The more of it other than gold, would be worse for the colony. Liberia needs strong men to develop the resources of the country. Of course some money is required in this day to purchase the means of improved methods of doing things. And even these methods in these days can be the work of ingenuity in the most part. If there is no iron ore cultivator plows will not be expected, or other useful means of iron. If ore is to be found, and it is very likely that the mountainous regions furnish it, then cultivator plows and all sorts of machinery should be made. We know of no country where iron is not found. What should result—nothing short of miracles. Liberians should stand up in their might and be proud of their opportunities.

But perhaps these people are doing much better than we think. Grant it, but why the late day talk of failure and the rest of it, when the succeeding years should add their increment of good.

The College Heights Investment proposition should not be overlooked by our women. Take advantage of the opportunity to buy a home, or to invest in this as a money-maker. Several women have already bought homes and others should follow the example. It costs but a postal to learn the particulars. Write to day and learn the the advantages.

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SATURDAY, MAR. 27, 1909.

Something doing in burglar circles this week.

Indiana threatens to become as "dry" as the proverbial chip.

Give President Taft a chance to show what he has in his hand.

Leave the gun at home if you feel that the shooting feeling is likely to come on.

President Taft says the colored people will have to wait and see what he means to do for them.

These are snappish days, but they get us in a frame of mind to enjoy the blessings of warm weather when it does come.

The tariff mix up is on, with its petty vexations for the members of Congress. Lucky the individual that escapes the "palaver."

The colored man, Shelton, who shot a white man last week on Washington Street, is thought to be insane. At least, he did not mean to shoot the person he did.

In the far West the talk is the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. A 6,000-pound nugget of pure copper, the largest piece ever found, will be among the rare curios.

The literary spirit has struck the city after a Rip Van Winkle sleep of many years. The exclusive sets have always been with us, but the literary, as it is best known, has just come to the front.

Booker T. Washington may not serve as a Liberian Commissioner. Some of his admirers have advised against it. We do not think Mr. Washington's service is required so far away from home.

Booker T. Washington and his party of distinguished men captured South Carolina last week. They made the State of Wade Hampton and M. C. Butler—and Ben Tillman—sit up and take notice.

Ex-President Roosevelt is off for Africa. The world is thoroughly acquainted with Mr. Roosevelt's intentions, and if the animals of the jungles have intelligence, as some people insist, they also know about them.

If Thomas Taggart gets in the running for Mayor, times will pick up politically. Taggart can be beaten, and has been beaten; but the man to do it must be live all over. The Republicans are still looking for the most available.

The gurglar business is not paying very big, according to the statements of their operations noted in the daily papers. Four dollars, nine dollars, three dollars and sometimes nothing is pretty poor pay for such desperate work. Well, "nothing is what it used to be."

The People's Savings Bank of Philadelphia, after a year of successful business, has purchased its own property. It was thrown open for inspection last week, a grand reception being tendered its patrons and friends. Ex-Congressman Geo. H. White is the president, and Dr. J. Q. McDougall is secretary.

A St. Louis paper has it that there are 6,000 "bogus" Negroes registered in that city. Since they represent practically the Negro voting strength, to refer to them as "bogus" gets clean past us. St. Louis is full of good colored citizens who have good homes, people of refinement and education. Surely these are not also "bogus" under any definition whatsoever.

The sons of "Eli" had a great taking on over President Taft in New York last week. "Bill," as they affectionately called him, was one of the boys. "We are all boys tonight," said the venerable Dr. Holmes on a class reunion occasion. It was so on this occasion. He was at his best. It was a touching event, even as seen through the columns of the newspapers.

A New Orleans paper had it, not long since, that attacks on white women in Washington, the capital, by Negroes were so frequent that the women were urged to carry pistols for protection. Now to an individual in New Zealand this sounds mighty bad. If there were no informant at hand to give light on the subject, he would readily think that Negroes are lurking at all the street corners waiting for an opportunity to assault a white woman. Such cases are extremely rare, not only in Washington, but in the whole country. True enough, we hear of Negroes being hung for assault now and then. Among ten millions of people of any kind crimes of all kinds will be known. The man in New Zealand or elsewhere is to understand that the Negroes are not long on assaulting any kind of woman.

The experiences of Dr. Washington in South Carolina last week make us believe that the old commonwealth is not as bad as Tillman and his satellites have painted it. When thirty or more Negroes can invade the State and spend a solid week without having a cross word with anybody—nor running up against trouble in any form—it shows that somebody knows how to treat decent people.

We said once before that Christianity hastened or was the cause of the high civilization of today, and that that same civilization now in turn threatens Christianity. Men have invented so many devices that they must take all the time to enjoy them—Sunday, every other day and the nights to boot. The preacher must preach quick if he would be popular, get along very well without prayer meeting altogether.

Indianapolis is passing through an epidemic of shooting. Let us hope that the city has finally passed through it. The colored people have been doing more than their share of it. The white people and what they are doing are not to be pointed out as examples when these things are referred to. Bear it in mind that they also have all the wealth when it comes to the business of citing examples.

Those tell-tale statistics have at last convinced the colored people that consumption claims more than its share among them. Conferences, lectures and the newspapers are waging a war against the disease. These agencies hope to enlist the country, the Negro portion, in keeping the disease within ordinary limitations. Ordinary limitations, we think, are those known among other people, especially those about us, and who have similar conditions.

Bishop Gaines, of the A. M. E. Church, and Dr. John Hurst, Financial Secretary, called on President Taft a few days ago. Bishop Gaines has been somewhat disturbed by the newspaper rumors of the President's intentions toward Southern colored men regarding the distribution of offices. Among the things said by Mr. Taft was that the colored people would have to wait and see what he means to do. He advised his callers against heeding newspaper rumors.

It will give pleasure to the many friends, political and otherwise, of Hon. Charles M. Miller to know that he has been fittingly recognized by the administration. Mr. Miller succeeds Joseph B. Kealing as United States District Attorney. He is one of the very well-liked men of the State. He is brilliant in attainments—the law and as a public speaker—and modest in disposition. Mr. Miller has served the State as Attorney-General, and his native city, Goshen, as Mayor.

The Frederick Douglass Shoe Company, a manufacturing establishment by Negroes, of Haverhill, Mass., seems to be making it go. There is no reason why it should not succeed. Some ten millions of us wear shoes, not to speak of a possible few "stragglers" among the white people. It is idle to talk of the lack of opportunities; no nation was ever so blessed. If one Negro in a hundred purchased shoes made by the Haverhill concern, it would keep the whole town employed the year round.

Revivals have begun at a few of the smaller churches. It appears that even revivals run in cycles. It has been a good many days since the city "were aflame as it were." Really, a marked change has come over the colored people in religious matters. Those long lines yearly from each church in the city wending their way to this or that baptismal fount, commonly the various streams about the city, are no more. Perhaps they are not necessary; but the change, who can help but note it? The greater churches will be reached in time, but there is not that former certainty about the coming of the revival meetings.

"THE WIZARD" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Our next issue will contain a comprehensive report of the epoch-making tour of Dr. Booker T. Washington through the State of South Carolina, written by Mr. R. W. Thompson, of Washington, D. C., who accompanied the party. The trip was a great success, and will be productive of much good to both races in the Southland. The story will be worth reading carefully, and should reach the eye of every Negro in the country who is interested in the moral and material uplift of his people.

THE HOMES OF EVANSVILLE NEGROES.

The recent Tuskegee Conference cited Evansville, Ind., as a city where the Negroes were poorly housed. It was of the three cities where the homes were especially bad. The Negroes of Indiana are concerned in the indictment, not that the return is not right or just. In our opinion the finding as it concerns Evansville is about right, at least to the extent that the colored citizens seem to be indifferent in most respects, and of course in their housing, where poor chances of livelihood are added to indifference.

Nothing could be of more benefit than to have attention called to the bad condition of that and other cities by Negroes whose work will not be mistaken for abuse. We might say also that the Negroes are not wholly responsible for the unsanitary conditions. The property owners, many of them, can take a share of this blame. Of course, the poorest and cheapest homes can be kept tidy, but the grinding the poor Negroes get to make both ends meet takes the vim out of them. Despair sets in and the feeling easily obtains, "What's the use?"

This is urged to show that there are two sides, one prompted by the unequal contest in the game of life. However, the idea as taught of the Conference is to manufacture what cheer possible. A people struggling to be neat and tidy will win consideration that would not come otherwise. Then, too, the sanitary phase is to be considered, making ready against diseases of various kinds.

The Conference's work will have its good effects. In Evansville attention is already being paid to the slum localities with the view of cleaning up. Other communities will sit up and take notice, for none is so mean as to wish to be classified with the meanest.

PENCILINGS.

The editor of the Washington Bee thinks that the scramble for Dancy's shoes as recorder of deeds at Washington, D. C., is disgraceful: to be exact, he says, disgusting. In mentioning the progress of the campaign for the office, he does not forget to mention the fact that he, himself, is a candidate. And, by the way, Mr. Chase never forgets to mention the fact that the recordership of deeds is a local something, and, according to his version, does not belong outside of the District. He has served notice on all concerned to that effect for several quadrennials, but to no purpose whatever. The Presidents have gone right along appointing outsiders, as he holds them to be, to the office. Chase wanted to be the recorder most badly, but it does not seem to be written in his stras. He mentions the fact that Colonel Marshall, of Illinois, has been recommended by Senator Cullom. The editor wants to know where the colonel was when the onslaught was made on Dancy at the nominating convention in Chicago.

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What is going to happen to Liberia? The English and French are kicking, insisting that the republic can not maintain order on its borders, and in consequence is threatened with deglutition or some means of effacement as a political entity by those powers. The Liberians naturally look to our country for deliverance from their trouble. We are responsible for the country, and accordingly sentiment is in favor of helping to extricate it from the meshes. However, the sentiment does not include the notion of quarreling with the countries about Liberia. A peaceful settlement is hoped and expected. One prominent publication thinks that the Liberians would lose nothing in being gobbled up. The Negroes of that country should make a better showing. None is sanguine about the immediate success of the colony—that kind of success that attracts attention—simply because of the present race trait, which may be anything exception pioneer.

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Indianapolis has another business venture which bids fair to succeed in a big way. This time it is a woman, a colored woman, who is at the head of the helm. Already she has a half dozen or more girls employed, all colored. But I should have mentioned the nature of the business. Mrs. Alexander, who conducts it, is a hair culturist. Not a hair straightener, as one is so apt to think; she is a manufacturer of hair goods. She may know the art of straightening hair, since in front of her well-appointed establishment she conducts a cozy little parlor, where the ladies' heads are looked after as they may demand. The lady is an expert in the business, making all kinds of goods from every imaginable kind of hair.

To see the goods in the rough from the heads of Creoles, white people, colored people, one would think a skein could not be made of the tangled threads. But in the neat little rooms, partitioned off by figured muslin, are the girls, whose deft hands and an apparatus for separating and winding work wonders with the hair. So, when it finally finds it way to the show room, it looks too good to be off the head a single moment. One is tempted to say that being bald would not be so bad if he could wear a toupe made by Mrs. Alexander. Her business is growing; her orders come in from many parts of the country.

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Professor Goldwin Smith says that muscle does not count for much in life. Doubtless he has in mind the wage-earning capacity; and true enough, according as the world values muscle. The army of workmen building a bridge is much as an army fighting a battle. When it is all over, it was Napoleon who won, or Grant who won. The bridge needed capital; labor, genius. Genius or brains get about all there is in the way of fame or emoluments. Labor muscle is remembered in the aggregate when it is convenient to do so. Capital is the go-between, and always ready for a good paying thing. It needs no special credit. Poor labor goes unnoticed. But labor is not always satisfied at that; so one finds it warring with capital, and sometimes with genius, in that so little comes to it. It to some extent shares in the glory as the country glories in things well done. It wants larger share in the proceeds.

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The Indiana Register is another newspaper venture of Richmond, Ind. Richmond is a considerable city, with a good sprinkling of colored people. It is said to be very generous, being of Quaker extraction, and consequently may be helped largely by the big-hearted white people. Then there's the State as a field, and the whole country, where any hustling concern can pick up a few subscribers. The Register, it is believed, is the second newspaper venture by Negroes at Richmond. That city has the reputation of being the home of quite a number of intelligent Negroes, among whim is the Rev. Dr. Townsend. It is to be hoped that the Register will have pleasant sailing.

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SPOKANE, WASH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

A grand sacred concert and testimonial benefit was given to Rev. J. Gordon McPherson and wife on March 23....Attorney, of Twisp, Wash., was in the city on the 7th, the guest of Attorney J. Harry Harris....Club C of the Ladies' Guild of St. Thomas Mission are preparing for their Easter entertainment on April 12....Rev. J. Gordon McPherson was called to Cœur d'Alene to deliver a sermon at the First Baptist Church on the 18th.

MINEOLA, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Leah Weaver, wife of Frank Wever, has a fine boy and is doing well.... Miss Alice Hudson's school will be out about April 2, and then she will return to Waco....Sandy Anderson has plenty of cotton seed to sell, and it is the best....It is very warm in the South at the present time.

MOBILE, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Gridiron Club, a new organization, had its first meeting at the residence of S. R. Hill, 262 Hercules street, Tuesday night, March 15. The subject for discussion was "The Protection of Our Women," after which a delicious menu was served. A mock Congress was indulged in, and the tariff revision was discussed. All departed expressing themselves as having had a nice time. The club is composed of the best young men of the city.. Dr. D. W. Young was elected president....The churches are having revival meetings in all denominations. The colored Catholic Church has a colored mission priest at the Most Pure Heart of Mary, something that has added much to the new parish among the colored people....Mme. Anita Patti Buron, the great colored soprano of the race, will appear in Mobile on the 31st of March to give a recital at Franklin Street Church. ....Mrs. Mayme Nicholas Williams entertained the Reading Circle last Saturday at the residence of Dr. Winkerson. She showed that her taste for decorations and a repast was fine. The Twentieth Century Movement of Club Ladies are making rapid strides in their literary work....Dr. E. T. Belsaw will retcture at Orange Grove Public School the 4th of April. His subject will be the care of teeth....Rev. Kyles will deliver a special sermon next Sunday to the young men along the lines of temperance....Miss Starkes, the teacher at Emerson Institute, says that the school has been doing excellent work in its new industrial department....Mrs. Plummer left Wednesday night for Galveston, Tex. Her gas demonstrations at the Love and Charity Hall were successful.

ELLISVILLE, MISS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. M. J. Randolph went to Laurel last Sunday to visit friends....Master David J. Randolph, Jr., visited Laurel last Saturday....Master Sank Reid has been on the sick list the past week, but is up and back in school....Master Emmet Heslip is out of school on account of his eyes failing him....Rev. J. B. Brooks, district superintendent, held his quarterly meeting at the M. E. Church last Sunday.... Great preparations for Easter services are being made throughout the city at the various churches.

MARLIN, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Lawyer R. J. Willis spoke to a large audience Friday night at Marlin Baptist Church. His subject, "What Will To-Morrow Bring Forth?" should have been heard by every person in Marlin, and especially young men and women....The New York Giants (white) gave an exhibition game of baseball for Paul Quinn College, located at Waco, Tex. It is not necessary to say one word about Captain McGraw's famous Giants, for the world knows what they can do with bat and ball—THE FREEMAN can always be found at W. V. Cartwright's cafe, Live Oak street.

MATTOON, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob A. Anderson, of Mattoon, Ill., one of the premier families of central Illinois, celebrated their golden wedding March 22. A brilliant assemblage of guests were present, twenty-five of the one hundred and twenty-five being from out of the city. A host of beautiful presents were received, including $100 in gold.

URBANA, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Maggie Adams is improving.... Mrs. Sherman Cleveland and son Robert have returned to their home in Pittsburg. ....The Knights of Pythias and the Phyllis Wheatley Court will hold their annual sermon at the Second Baptist Church tomorrow....The Ladies' Aid Society are invited to a reception at Springfield, April 12....The Ladies' Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. George Heathcock, on East Ward street....Mr. William Allen is confined to his home, in Buckeye street.... Mrs. Mary Hockins is ill.

SHELBYVILLE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Dillard Artist, of Marion, Ind., the State organizer of Negro women's clubs, was in this city Thursday of last week, and gave an address to the Progressive Club....Mrs. W. J. Hines was in Indianapolis recently....Mrs. Burbin, who has been very ill at her home, on East Broadway, is able to be up once more....The Progressive Clug of the Second Baptist Church will be federated in the next two weeks....Every man interested in his soul's welfare is cordially invited to the Y. M. P. B. at the Broadway Baptist Church next Sunday....Mrs. Annie Austin is attending conference at Indianapolis.

ORANGEBURG, S. C.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Dr. Booker T. Washington, the great Negro educator, lectured at Claflin University last week. A large crowd greeted him... Both Claflin and State have received a challenge for baseball from Augusta...Mr. Harvey with his new bakery is meeting with much success.

LOGANSPORT, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The W. M. M. Society of Bethel A. M. E. Church met last Friday at the residence of Mrs. Geo. C. King. Quite a number of ladies were present. The topic for the afternoon was "Honest Love." A most excelent paper on this topic was read by Mrs. Geo. Allen. This was followed by ompromptu talks by all the members present. After collecting of dues the society adjourned to meet Friday, March 26, at the residence of Sister Mary Jones, 81 Washington street. All are cordially invited to attend...Little Dorthy Johnston is very sick at her home on Helm street..Mrs. Emma Hall, of Crawsfordsville, who has been here at the bedside of her grandma, Mrs. Roberts, has returned home...Mr. Joseph Campbell and Gladys Keene spent a couple of days in Kokomo the first of the week, the guests of Mrs. Pearl Chavis...Master Harry Harris, who has been suffering with a severe cold and cough, is somewhat improved...There were several young ladies and gentlemen from Culver down to attend the dance Monday night...Mrs. Bert Hunter, of Chicago, spent a few days in the city last week with her sister, Mrs. Frank Carter... Grandma Roberts is seriously ill at her home on Miami avenue...Mr. Hugh Powel spent Tuesday in Kankakee hunting...Mrs. Blanch Hill spent a couple of days in Anderson last week...Not for years has the members and friends of Bethel A. M. E. Church been so interested in every line of church work as they are at present. The stone masons began work Monday morning. The church will be overhauled in such a manner that it will look like a new church when completed. It wil also have new seats. Everything will be in order for the Sunday school convention which meets here in May. Mrs. Geo. Allen and Miss Janet Jones have been elected delegates for Logansport.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson have opened up a cigar stand and confectionery store at the corner of Rondo and Arundel streets....The B. Y. P. U. Society of Pilgrim Baptist Church had a rally last Sunday and raised $150. The society will endeavor to put a new hardwood floor into the church by Easter Sunday....The Negro Business League of St. Paul met at Hinson's cafe on last Friday....Mr. J. Q. Adams, of the Appeal, has been on the sick list....Mr. George Nichols, the tea and coffee vendor, has disappeared. His many customers are unable to account for his strange disappearance....Mrs. Leola Moker Bass presented her husband with a fine girl. Mother and child doing well.... Gipsy Smith, the noted evangelist, will begin his revival meetings at the Auditorium on March 7, and will continue until April 12. Committees from both the St. James A. M. E. and Pilgrim Baptist churches have been appointed to assist in this great religious movement....Mrs. Harriett Burrell, of Cortland street, has succeeded in finding her relatives, after a period of about forty-three years....Mr. J. R. White, spiritualist, medium and healer, holds his meetings at Central Annex Hall every Sunday evening. Although Rev. White is a colored gentleman, his congregation is composed almost entirely of white people. Rev. White is also popular in U. B. F. circles....The largest Turkish bath house for women in this city is owned and conducted by Mrs. Ella Covington and daughter, Miss Viola Berry....Much interest is being taken in the Guide, published by Mr. T. R. Morgan. The publication is a very interesting little sheet, published in the interests of the porters, waiters and cooks....Mr. Harry Shepard, formerly of this city, is now in Seattle, Wash. He is publishing a detective paper, the Bertillon Eye.

DALLAS, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The citizens here are looking forward to the coming of Bishop M. H. Turner, of the A. M. E. Church of Atlanta, Ga., who will speak at St. James' A. M. E. Church, corner Evergreen and Young streets, Tuesday night, April 13. While in the city he will be the city's honored guest, as the people in every walk of life are showing their appreciation in every way toward those who have the arrangements in charge. It is well known that when Dallas citizens unite on anything it is an assured success. The various committees are leaving nothing undone that will bring about a financial success in every way....The sad news was flashed over the city of Dallas, Thursday evening, of the death of one of San Antonio's best citizens, Mr. R. R. Reese, who was known the State over. His many friends here were dumfounded at the reading of the various telegrams received bearing this sad news. He was kind and considerate to all in his business dealings. At one time he resided here, and was at one time Grand Lodge officer in the K. of P. order of Texas. Mrs. Fannie Parks and others are with Mrs. Reese in these sad hours....Mrs. Mamie Cooper and Mrs. Annie Markham spent a few days visiting in Fort Worth....The Phyllis Wheatly Club were the honored guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tinsley, on Burford street, Thursday night. Their many guests enjoyed the various selections, games and luncheon....Nearly every church in the city has waged war against sin and Satan, and are now conducting a revival of some kind....From all indications we note that there are too few of our people engaged in the stock raising business. In Dallas city and country they have to buy everything that is used in the home and on the farm, too. It should be different. When you stop and consider the advanced prices on everything that you must have. Let those of us who can begin now to study the methods of raising and growing things at home. ....William Humphrey spent the night with his fellow craftsmen at White Rock, instructing them in the works, Friday.... At Bowens & Burson is the place to trade, on East Elm street....A stop in at H. W. Scott & Co. will tell you that anything in the grocer's line is there at any and all times....The time is past for members of the race to eat and drink in the undesirable places conducted by other races. In nearly every city in these United States we have some Negroes doing it every day except Sunday.

MUNCIE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. Burton, of the First M. E. Church, preached his farewell sermon for this closing year and was pleased with the generous donation presented to him by Mr. Robert Jones and Wm. Robbins, of the Epworth League, which consisted of ten dollars in gold. Mrs. Van Stone and Mr. Marshal Bower, of the Ladies' Aid Society, gave him an umbrella. Mrs. G. Scott gave one pair of gloves. Mr. Grundy solicited $16.45, to be applied on the pastor's salary, which was highly appreciated by the members... Hon. John Leffler talked on "What of the Republic" at Trinity M. E. Church, which was very interesting...The Knights of Pythias wil give a musical entertainment at the A. M. E. Church Monday evening, April 5, 1909...The famous orchestra with nineteen pieces, from South Bend, Ind., will play for the banquet of Widow Son Lodge No. 22; Mr. John Davis, floor manager... Wm. Everet, of Collinville, Ill., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Harry Williams...The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams, died at their home on Seymour street. Buriel at Economy.

PEORIA, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The masquerade given by Mrs. Calaway and Mrs. Savage Monday evening was well patronized. Miss Grave Hagan and Miss Mabel Woods were in Japanese costume. Master Elijah Oliver was the most ragged boy present...Mrs. Munday will leave Monday for Quincy. Her mother, Mrs. Gerth, who is at St. Francis Hospital, is much better...Thursday was literary days for the Woman's Aid Club, which was entertained at the home of Mrs. Ida Sanford, on Second avenue...Rev. B. N. Murrell. of Mount Zion Baptist Church, will leave Tuesday for a three weeks' vacation, visiting Buxton, Des Moines and eKokuk. Iowa, St. Paul, Minn., returning by way of Topeka and Emporia, Kans., and Terre Haute, Ind...Rev. J. S. Woods lectured at Ward Chapel Thursday evening, subject, "Lincoln's Place in Our National Development and Destiny." The lecture was splendid, a beautiful portrayal of the life and character of this great man. Rev. Woods left Friday to visit his old home in Hannibal, Mo...Mr. H. M. Burrell is spending Sunday in Peoria...Mrs. Jane Turner, who was ill the latter part of the week, is improving...Interest is being revived at the Mount Zion Baptist Literary Society, with Miss Anna Rhodes as President. The pastor and members held their annual ratification Tuesday evening. A large crowd attended. Speeches by Rev. H. W. Jameson and Rev. Ernest Hall, of Bloomington. The church report shows that the gross receipts for last year were nearly $5,000. Part of this sum was paid on the church debt, the rest for improving church property... The members of Co. K. 8th Ills., are somewhat divided in their choice for captain, a number favoring the present captain, W. S. Conway, others Second lieutenant Stephen Bailey. Election of officers Friday evening. ...Mr. I. C. Harper has sufficiently recovered to be present with his orchestra at Sunday evening service...Mrs. Mabel Bannister and others will give a play, "Not a Man in the House," for Stewardess Board No. 1...Mrs. Anna R. Fields, founder of a home for colored girls and women, purchased property at 201 North Elizabeth street, and opened the home April 10, 1007, Since which time 175 have secured employment through Mrs. Field, and 27 have found shelter in the home...There is a marked improvement in Ward Chapel choir since Mr. E. H. Hagan became director.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

A swell banquet was given by the Stay Late Club at Mrs. E. L. Day on Flora street on the 19th, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Milligan...Taylor, the 24th and Vine street groceryman, is able to be at his place of business again...Rev. S. W. Bacote, D. D., will soon make an extended trip through the South. He will be absent about a month...All the churches are preparing for a grand Easter rally...Mr. Crump is improving slowly...Mrs. Milligan had a serious attack of fever...Stop borrowing a paper and subscribe. Spend 5 cents a week for a Negro paper and learn what the race is doing...Mrs. A. T. Moore, wife of the popular undertaker, died and was laid to eternal rest on the 19th...A birthday party was given at the residence of Mrs. Mose Ballard, 818 East 10th street, Friday evening, March 19th, in honor of Mr. Harry Lampkins and Mr. Mose Ballard. A pleasant time was enjoyed with whist and refreshments. The guests present were Mrs. Harry Lampkins, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Greeg, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Grier, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. George, the Misses Mary Hered, Grace Thomas and Blanch, Mr. Dave Verse, Mr. Jack Tolson, Mr. Eddie Scott, Mr. John Lindsey...Mrs. Fannie Green died at her home, 1513 Main street, March 17...Manager Felix Payne will go South with his baseball team, known as the Twin City Athelelic Club, for their spring limbering process...Mr. Tom Sterman is manager at the skating rink. His band concerts and boxing contests are making a hit with pleasure-seeking people. Miss Nordie Buckner is the only colored lady in Kansas City that holds a permanent position as ticket agent for a company...Let it be understood in the outset that it was a porters' and bartenders' ball, given last Thursday night by Mr. Clarence Jenkins and Mr. Oscar Thompkins, then it can be seen why the cream of Kansas City's society was there, and also why it is now the most talked of function this city has witnessed for many a day. But those young men know how to entertain; then, they have the prestige. Their orchestra, too, is deserving of special mention for the quality and character of its music was in every way superior to anything that has ben heard this season. The musicians were: Jno. Rawlee, piano; Chas. Black, violin; Harry St. Clair, cornet; Jno. Hobbs(trombone, and Steve Wheeler, at the trap drums...Mr. Charles Hill, a waiter in Valaires Cafe, will visit relatives and friends in St. Louis...Mr. Bob Burres, of Minneapolis, Minn., has been visiting friends all winter, and will leave for the East in April. ...Will Pollard, chief cook, has taken charge at the Washington Hotel, with a full crew of colored help...Mr. Sam Montgomery, of Levenworth, Kans., and president of the Benevolent Hall Association, was a visitor of the Waiters' Club...Mr. Garfield Jones is very sick at his room in the Whales building, 6th and Delaware streets. He is a member of McKinley Lodge No. 21, K. of P...Mr. Henry Compton is very sick at his residence, 1008 Charlotte street...Mr. Al Rodgers, one of Kansas City's prominent and successful business men, purchased a ten-acre track of land, located on the Levenworth car line. His intention is to raise poultry and hogs. Plans are now being drawn for his residence, which will be of modern style...Mr. Shad Sprangles, Frank Banks, Charles Joiner, Felix Payne and Ben Williams are preparing for the greatest Easter entertainment Kansas City has ever had...The Freeman at Kansas City on sale every week at 911 Wyandotte street and Twenty-fourth and Vine streets.

PITTSBURG, PA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Monday, the 28th, the Melbean Festival Singers will play a return date at Good Hope Baptist Church....The musical farce "Uganda," to be presented in Pittsburg in the Bijou Theater, is beyond a doubt the greatest musical comedy production ever witnesses in Pittsburg, in view of the fact that the music and comedy have been supplied by some of America's best authorities. The production is being staged by Mr. Edward Winn, who stands second to none as a stage director, he having had experience in staging some of America's greatest colored productions, such as "Ishman's "Oriental America," etc....Rev. W. B. Anderson, D. D., presiding elder of the Pittsburg District A. M. E. Church, spent Sunday, March 21, in Cleveland, assisting Bishop Derrick and Rev. Ira A. Collins in dedicatory services of the new St. John A. M. E. Cthedral, recently completed at a cost of $54,000....Mrs. Mayme Clinkscale, of Chicago, Ill., returned home Wednesday, after having spent a very pleasant week in Smoky City, the guest of Miss Irene Johnson, 2920 Wylie avenue....Thomas R. Archer, of 1421 Webster avenue, has returned to the city for a few days, visiting his family. Mr. Archer is chef of the Hotel Bartlett, Mannington, W. Va.... The mock trial rendered by the Booker T. Washington Literary Society on last Friday evening was a success in every feature....Mrs. Lulu M. Jackson, who is lecturing throughout our city in the interest of the National Training School for Women and Girls, is meeting with success.... Mrs. Priscilla S. Todd, of 22 Wandless street, was appointed one of the city tuberculosis nurses. Mrs. Todd as a graduate from the Freedman's Hospital and Nurse Training School of Washington, D. C....Mrs. W. R. Sloan and Mrs. A. Steele are home from a twenty-two-day trip to New Orleans, where they witnessed the Mardi Gras festivities and made short stops at all important points between here and the Crescent City....The contest fever is spreading rapidly among Afro-American churches. The latest is the Avery Mission Church, of the North Side....Fountain V. Barkdale, age thirty-four years, a graduate from Hampton Institute, Va., and lately in the employ of the Pullman company for some years, died at his home, 6907 Mt. Vernon street. His remains were taken South....Mrs. Luther Dawson, of 6025 Hoeveler street, gave an afternoon pink tea in honor of Mrs. B. G. Collins, of Philadelphia. The guests included Mrs. H. Booth, Mrs. T. J. Forester, Mrs. S. Stokes, Mrs. J. Hunter, Mrs. T. Caves, Mrs. A. J. Lewis, Mrs. H. Lewis, Mrs. K. Wilson, Mrs. L. Doyle, Mrs. H. Stewart, Mrs. L. Lowry, Mrs. L. Turner and Miss A. Brown. ....Past ex-Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons for the State of Pennsylvania John P. Allen established a temple of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of the Daughters of Isis of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America....Wilber Harmonic Male Quartet sings at People's Temple Baptist Church, Thursday evening, also at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Sunday, March 28. This quartet has become the leading singers of the Smoky City. They gave one of their musical numbers at the Levendi Club, which was very highly received, Sunday afternoon. They are under the directorship of E. A. Wilber, 563 Francis street. ....Ebenezer Baptist Church held an educational rally Sunday for the missionary of Africa....The Independent Band will give a ball at Metropolitan Hall, April 5, Center and Highland avenues. No pains will be spared to make the ball a success. Oliver Steath, chairman of the committee.

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THE STAGE

Scott and Whaley have been booked for the Morris Circuit.

Gordon C. Collins has closed his Western engagements and is at home at Chillicothe, Mo. Regards to the profession.

Mrs. Lizzie Thompson closed with Maharra's Minstrels in Hot Springs, Ark., and will soon join her husband in Kansas City.

Jus why all the colored theaters should be called Peking is what we can't understand. Let the next one try Canton or Yeddo, if it must be Oriental.

Pearl Moppin, hoop roller, with A. G. Allen's Big Minstrel Show, is having a gold slide trombone made by Frank Holton & Co., of Chicago. Regards to the profession.

St. Paul, Minn., has just had its first colored show in two seasons. The St. Paulites don't know the good things they have been missing. The Smart Set combination was there on the 7th inst.

Pleas. L. Jenkins, of Memphis, Tenn., now en route with Allen's Minstrels, is rendering "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep" as a trombone solo, with much credit, nightly at band concerts. He sends regards to all friends.

James Ransom and wife, Mme. Mary Ransom, are putting on a sketch at the Star Theater, Charlotte, N. C., "The Meeting of an African Prince and Princess." It is the cleverest of its kind that ever appeared on the American stage.

It is to be hoped for the good of the profession that George Walker will not surrender to his foe—"nervous prostration." He sees, also the country, how he stands in the public estimation. The tributes of respect shown him over the country are wonderful. May he have a great increase of years.

While playing St. Johnsville, N. Y., the Sunny South Company escorted Edward Paxton Weston, the noted pedestrian, who is walking from New York to San Francisco, a distance of 4,300 miles, in 100 days, through St. Johnsville to the hotel, where he delivered a speech in honor of the company.

The Chappelles are in Wilmington, Del., looking after the building of their palace sleeping car. The car will be a peach, according to information. It will be convenient and a money-saver. Besides, the "Rabbit Foot Company" travels mainly in the South, where they are none too particular as to the kind of cars colored folk ride in.

Talented young women are developing right along. It looks as if the show business only will demand their talents, that is, where there is a chance of fair pay for services. It is one reason that the stage as it concerns Negroes is growing in respect; because so many of the colored girls are employed, and who wish to maintain themselves well.

The world's a stage. Thou thinkest well, dear master of Avon, and most truly are we the actors. Some have little parts, issuing on like some "supe," perchance to drag a chair away or with thrifty strokes make the sawdust fly. His exeunt is unnoticed, or, if so, but to haste one to the wings in hot eagerness for the appearance of his betters. Some are very stars, the ground trembleth as they stride along, and to whom the vast majority of others are so much background.

One hears from that refreshing little actor, Tim Owsley, once in a while. Tim is with Black Patti, who, when last heard of, was at Bisbee, Ariz. He plays a very suggestive part, that "Silas Green," the rustic angel in a stranded troupe, to be so very far from home. Tim is most amusing on or off the stage. Last summer the FREEMAN office people got to see very much of him. He can tell a joke; can be and is delightfully sociable; can laugh and get red in the face as a lobster.

Tim stayed with us the summer through, doing whatever work came in his way while waiting for the big "tent" to open. He had a precious mite of a wife also, but he diligently kept her tucked away some place until he was about to leave the city, and then he trotted her out. After seeing her, most of us concluded he was right in keeping her home. When Tim would a-jaunting go, he had a habit of sending us post cards that as nearly suited our condition as he thought it to be.

COLORED COMMEDIANS MAKE A BIG HIT.

The performance given Tuesday evening by Edwards and Webbs' Colored Musical Comedy Company was an excellent one, and deserved a much larger house than was accorded them. They have doubtless the best lady quartet on the road, and all of the musical numbers were of a high character. In contrast with most colored troupes, Edwards and Webb are positively funny, and create a continual round of merriment.—The Orfordville Journal, March 17, '09.

PROFESSION AT MILWAUKEE WIS.

P. J. Cooper writes: Well, the Smart Set is here and everybody happy. S. H. Dudley and his mule has gotten going. No discrimination this week—sit wherever you like.

Mrs. Marion Smart Moore, of Smart Set fame, is here visiting the company this week.

Capt. L. C. Valle's court of Foresters will be installed at the Alhambra Theater June 6, and accompany the other fourteen courts to Racine, Wis., the following day.

Prof. Oscar Holton, chief musician at the Howard House, is putting some new music in the Howard palm garden.

ENTERTAINED SMART SET AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

The Maceo Club gave a box party Thursday evening, March 18, at the Bijou Theater, witnessing the Smart Set, which is being played there. After the performance the club escorted the company to the Union Temple Hall, where there was a grand ball given in honor of the company, and after the ball they were entertained at the Maceo Club rooms. Everybody was there except the mule, as he was complaining from being up late the night before. Everybody had a grand time.

LOWERY & MORGAN'S MINSTRELS

Everybody is happy and the show is doing good business all along the line. Prof. P. G. Lowery and his band were highly entertained at Avon, Ill., last Sunday, by the Avon Band boys. The Garlands, Fred and Hattie, close with Lowery & Morgan's Minstrels at Galva, Ill., to join the Sells-Floto show. P. G. Lowery's Band, with the Wallace & Hagenbeck's circus this season, are as follows: Tom May, Peters and wife, Arthur Jackson, Billie May, Tony Basefield, H. L. Rawles, Arthur Hill, John Edwards, Charles Beechum, Jaces Hall, Billie Earthquake, Harry Crosby and the original Rags. Company sends regards to all friends.

THOMPSON'S COONTOWN 400.

The show has just come out of Mexico, where we played to s. r. o. The boys are in fine health. The ladies of Yuakum gave us a swell reception. Our three days' stay there was all the happiness and pleasre to the company. The following ladies entertained the company: Miss Frankie Blanch, Mary Smith and Ella Hays. The Howzes, Gus and Florie, joined the show at Yuakum. They are great favorites among our performers. Jacob Ward, the singing comedian, is still cleaning up. Eddie Singleton sends regards to friends. James Walburg, our diamond king, is creating a sensation as trap drummer. The Wileys send regards to friends. Prof. George W. Pollard sends regards to friends.

CULLIGAN'S NASHVILLE STUDENTS.

All members, including the manager, laid off Sunday, March 14, to go to Los Angeles to visit their many friends in the "Black Patti" show, which opened at the Majestic Theater on that date. Billy Young, Madam Patti and Tim Owsley were the favorites. We have been showing to good houses. Marvelous La She still holds them captivated with his truly wonderful wire act. Albert Hutt has learned a number of stunners with his hoops, while Dick and Rose Mitchell, the "society swells," and Rance Smith, the "preaching parson," come in for their share of applause. Our Coo-Coo Quartette, composed of H. La She, tenor, W. Lancaster, second tenor, Rance Smith, baritone, and Ed Anderson, bass, simply cleans up. Fresno, Cal., week of 22nd.

MAJESTIC THEATER, VICKSBURG.

The Majestic Theater has on another big play. Monday night of last week we played to standing room only. Peat and Moore are doing a sketch together. We opened with a minstrels first part, and the olio was as follows: J. J. Perry did a monologue; Ellis and Wilbur, in a sketch, and following them was little Manchild Wilson, with his wonderful dancing, and closing the olio was Peat and Moore, and closing the afterpiece with the company. Ed S. Peat carried the house down with "Give Me Your Love, Little Jack." Jackson, our piano player, is a wonder on those black and white keys, and his wife cleaned up on "Some Day When Dreams Come True." Chintz Moore is singing "Turkey Feast," and getting two and three encores nightly. Maggie Wilbur, little Billie boy, and Manchild Wilson are singing "Hard Times." Mrs. Moore is "Just a Friend of the Family," and is a screamer. J. Q. Perry, "Camp Meeting Time." Chintz Moore and wife send best regards to Fisher and Fisher and the Andersons. Ed F. Peat sends his best regards to Arthur L. Prince, Tony Ridley, Al Struder, Tim Owley, Al Boyd, Tom Hicks, Skinner Lee and O. H. Mead.

DEATH OF W. A. MAHARA.

W. A. Mahara, the well-known manager and promoter of theatrical organizations, died March 15, at Chicago, Ill., while undergoing an operation. Mr. Mahara had been in poor health for some time, but hoped to be permanently relieved in the operation, during which he passed away.

For thirty years he had been a manager of colored companies, and in that time he had given a start and employment to more Negro performers than any other manager in the country, for all deserving performers, regardless of the amount of their talent, found encouragement and a friend, in the broadest sense, in "W. A.," as he was called by the host who loved him. The news of his death was received with much regret by all who knew him. His kindness, his consideration for all with whom he came in contact, is a monument to his memory that no architect can build, for as long as life lasts, as long as there beats a heart who knew "W. A.," so long will his good deeds be remembered. For to those who have in some measure looked to a manager for approval and encouragement is their friendship felt the deepest. And W. A. Mahara, the friend of the Negro performer, has passed from labor to reward—to eternal rest in the great beyond. D.

OF INTEREST TO MANAGERS.

I suppose all managers of one and two-car shows know that the L. & N. Railroad will not move a small show in passenger service that carries ten and other fixtures, etc., and your car, and the I. C. Railroad compels you to pay a very high freight rate on tent, etc., and the Central Railroad of Georgia will not give you the regular two-cent rates, but compels you to pay the regular full rates, and will not move you on their local freight trains, which makes it impossible to arrive at your play dates in the daytime. All the railroads in the Southeastern Association will charge you a minimum of $25 for the movement of one car and $35 minimum when they move two cars for a company. I have investigated the whole affair, and by the assistance of all other one and two-car shows, I think we would be able to have the same reduced to a more reasonable rate, also have the L. & N. Railroad and the I. C. Railroad to haul a one and two-car show as they have been doing heretofore.

Now, I have taken the matter up, and am in position, with the help of you and other one and two-car shows, to have a few changes made in our movement. For the movement of a one-car show have a minimum charge of $15 and a two-car show with a minimum of $25. If this is of interest to you, write me at once and I will give you full particulars.

PAT CHAPPELLE,
Mgr. and Owner "A Rabbit's Foot" Comedy Co., Box 702, Jacksonville, Fla.

BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS AT LOS ANGELES, CAL.

The Black Patti Troubadours are meeting with unusual success in the West. The Daily Times, of Los Angeles, says, among other things:

"The Black Patti Troubadours, departing from their custom in the past, are presenting a two-act musical comedy this season, 'The Blackville Strollers.' Mme. Patti herself does not appear in the cast, except as she interpolates her song numbers. The company is not large, but the comedians are funny, and in Sarah Green the management has discovered another colored woman with a voice scarcely less remarkable than Mme. Patti's own."

The Evening News:

"Tim Owsley, as Silas Green, drew a continuous burst of guffaws from the audience. He is a natural comedian, and as such has merely to come upon the stage in order to get the laughs started. Billy Young, as Ned Walkback, was a fitting companion piece. The chorus was all that flashing teeth and nimble feet could make it. The whole performance, while not exactly startling in its originality, afforded a vast amount of pleasure to most of those who saw it."

And the Examiner, of the same city:

"After an absence of several years, Mme. Sisseretta Jones, 'The Black Patti,' returned to Los Angeles yesterday, and, with her Troubadours, pleased a large audience at the Majestic Theater last night. No longer a young woman, Mme. Jones' voice still retains its freshness, its richness of tone and the finely sympathetic quality which have done so much to make her famous."

ALLEN'S MINSTRELS.

P. L. Jenkins writes: We are now in "dear old Georgia," and business is fine, and the show is pleasing from start to finish.

Speedy Smith, of the team of Smith and Lee, closed in Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 17.

Jimmy Wise has staged an act entitled "The Recruiting Officer and the Coon," in which first Jimmy, in the role of captain, holds the audience spellbound as he recites the mad ravings of John McCullough, then Joe Norton starts everybody laughing with his comedy.

Pearl Moppin, the phenomenal hoop controller, is still making a hit nightly with his stunts. He does everything with his hoops but make them talk.

Mr. William (Tuba) Thomas has just received a new monster E-flat bass direct from the factory of Conn.

Mr. Paul Carter, the popular extreme end man, has composed and is singing with great success a new song entitled "H-O-M-E" (spells home). He was recently made an Elk. Get the habit! "Hello Bill!" Regards to all friends.

W. A. Dotson, the invincible backstop, is getting his team in shape, and expects to get in the game more than ever this season.

Charles E. Rue, he with the deep voice, and his comical quartette, keeps the audience laughing from start to finish of their turn.

C. A. Larose, who bears the reputation of being the only female impersonator doubling band, keeps every guessing singing "The Old Time Rag."

John W. Dennis, the funny old man, is singing "Wait Until To-Morrow" with much credit.

PITTSBURG SHOW SHOP.

By JASSIMINE.

Things are going fine along the Avenue, and we are still enjoying the finest kind of weather. Both of the vaudeville houses continue to offer very good bills, and are visited by large crowds nightly.

Willard Sinkford, the popular young trombonist, has closed at the Lyceum Theater, and will leave the city in the near future to join one of the leading colored minstrels on the road.

Sammy Levinson, the hustling little manager of the Fulton Theater, who has been on the sick list for some time, is again able to be around and resume his duties at that popular little playhouse.

Howard Hagan, trap drummer, has closed at the Lyceum Theater, and Alonzo Blue, a promising young drummer, has taken his place.

Rehearsals of the musical comedy, "Uganda," to be presented at the Bijou Theater in May, are still under way, and are coming along fine. An orchestra, composed of sixteen of the city's best musicians, under the direction of C. Walter Striplin, will be a feature of this production, which will, without doubt, be one of the greatest events of the season.

A grand concert and reception is to be given by Local No. 471, American Federation of Musicians, at Metropolitan Hall, East End, Thursday evening, April 1, 1909. Among the numbers on the program will be violin solos by Fred Hawkins, Riley Lethwick and Al Robinson; harp solo by W. S. Anderson; piano solo by Foster O. White; 'cello solo by Edgar Dixon; cornet solos by J. W. Myers and James Beatty; bell solo by Billie Butler, and a string quartette, composed of Messrs. Lethwick, Robinson, Lain and Dixon. After the program, music will be furnished for dancing by an orchestra of twenty pieces, under the direction of Riley S. Lethwick.

R. Anthony Bush, composer, arranger, and musical director at the Fulton Theater, who has been suffering with a cold for some time, is now very much improved.

Billie Butler, the popular trap drummer, who has also been under the weather for some time, is again able to be around, and can occasionally be seen strolling on the Avenue, wearing "the smile that won't come off." He will leave the city in a few weeks to accept a position with one of the leading colored companies.

The marvelous Wilson is playing the Grand Theater, South Side, this week, and is one of the hits of the bill.

Nash and Nash are laying off in this city this week, and are expected to leave for New York next Monday to open an engagement of twelve weeks.

Sam Shelton, the well-known singer and entertainer, is filling engagements throughout the city, and is meeting with great success. He is assisted by Charles Johnson, pianist.

THE LYCEUM offers a fair bill this week, headed by the Elite Comedy Trio, who did very well. Their talk was new, and their work, with the exception of the lady, who was rather weak in spots, was all that could be desired. They presented a very nice act, and it was well received. Next came the Devon Sisters, in songs and dances, who were also well received. A fair monologuist and moving pictures closed the bill.

THE FULTON.—This house offers a fairly good bill this week, headed by Murphy and Stevenson in a singing and talking act that was fair. The comedian was good, and will do much better when the straight man has had a little more experience. With hard work they will probably make good. Next came Al Lewis, a monologuist. This young man is a fair singer and a good dancer, but his talk was old, and, above all, he should know by this time that talking across the footlights to the piano player is a thing of the past. Then came Johnson and Bradley, who did fairly well, although they have been seen on the Avenue before. Ed McFarland, a monologuist, was altogether out of place, as his act was a farce from start to finish. R. G. Baker, in illustrated songs, was a little bit above the average, and was forced to respond to numerous encores. Moving pictures closed the bill.

GET ORCHESTRAS.

Pittsburg also has what is considered a first-class orchestra, just as Philadelphia. By the way, is all of the high musical culture in that State? Every city where colored people live in large numbers should have a first-class orchestra. Bands they have, but the band carried on to perfection is it. This calls for a high class of men with more than the average musical education. Some people can never understand why the bands don't get better. Why they go so far and then seem to stop. It is plain enough. The men go as far as they can go according to what they have on. Musicianship calls for scholarship, making it possible for high interpretation which transcends that of pure mechanic. Mechanic here means the execution on notes, or the playing of notes. It means more than piano or pianissimo, forte or fortissimo; that other something caught of the intelligence—that fine effluvia that floats on the very crest of intellectual endeavor. It is no dream. The masters had the same in mind when they wrote; caught inspiration of sough of wind, of storm, of calm, of sea, of earth, of love, hate, death, God. Not the mere inspiration, but the very film of these ideas caught up and thrown on the page, records, as they were, that are to be read in the ages to come. Who best catches this meaning is the best artist. The possibility is not in man alone; he must be aided by those things depicted; must know love and hate, passion and fear, void, great waste, valley low and mountain peak; must be high enough to realize what these things mean.

Now, get busy and do notes, since you have the feeling. Our orchestras are not much because the members do not cling together for a great while, where they would in time come to learn a great deal of what makes the musician.

WEALTH OF THE STAGE PEOPLE.

Theodore Pankey has been recently mentioned as an actor of considerable wealth. An Eastern white publication is responsible for the rumor. We hope that it is more than rumor, but have not been apprised of the status of Mr. Pankey's exchequer. This same information goes on to say that Mr. Pankey has been somewhat generous with his wealth, recently making a present of an interest in a gold mine to Messrs. Ebey and Phonson as a testimonial of their success in writing popular songs and good parts for him during the last four years.

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Speaking of the wealth of the actors, the public is curious about public people. What have they got? What do they do when off the stage? Do they look ordinary and human when off the stage? These and a thousand other queries are quietly entertained of the actors. Don't you know that there is a sort of glamour about the whole business? How we hate to see the moment arrive when the people begin to pull up their cloaks and reach for their hats!

But I meant to speak only of the curiosity of the public as to the wealth of public people—actors, mainly. Has it ever occurred to you that, in spite of one's poverty, he has the financial interest of the stage people at heart? If Madam Black Patti is worth as many thousands of dollars as she is said to be, and although her front is one blaze of diamonds, one is yet interested in knowing that she is still succeeding. There is no way of knowing exactly what the Madam is worth without asking her, and that would be just a little bit too delicate. Suffice to say, if one is correctly informed, that she need not be over-much disturbed by any turn the show business may take.

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The top-notch people whose salaries require at least three figures for naming them are all thought to have money. They do make good money, but they must be good fellows, consequently lots of it goes sliding gently away from them "ere they are aware." Then, too, the big people, when not in action, don't like very much doing side-show work until the big tent takes up, and which sometimes is many a day. In the meanwhile the coin filters away most beautifully. Bert Williams, of Williams and Walker, is thought to have a buch of money; also his partner, George Walker. They are said to have money like Walker talks it on the stage. It may have been a bluff, but this company talked $5,000 as their bit for backing Johnson, the prize-fighter, against Jeffries or anybody else.

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Aida Overton Walker, the clever danseuse and character actress, is said to have something in her own right besides her splendid diamonds. I have heard that she had a summer home, and looks after her mother in a most delightful way. Of course, she is George's wife, but the people seem to know as much about the pair as they know themselves. The case does not come up before me, consequently it will not be discussed. One would expect to see Walker a dashing, well-dressed man as he appears on the stage; it is not that way, at least in recent years. He dresses very plainly for the street—really most too plain for his calling. Williams, of the two, dresses better for the street. They do not spend their money that way, so it is thought that they are piling it up in various places. Both of their wives are on the stage, and, as a matter of course, relieve the men of considerable expense. They ought to have nothing but money.

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It may be safe to say that Dudley is making money—has been making money for several years. He has no big side partners with whom to divide. On the street Dudley wouldn't attract a second glance. He is as likely to wear his hat hind side front as any other way. He does not think anything of what he wears—he takes no thought of his raiment, to express it elegantly. His wife also makes her way on the stage. Dudley is plain, unpretentious, but a thoroughbred. He must have money, since no one has heard of him giving it away.

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Cole and Johnson have been prosperous this season, so it is said, in their excellent production, "Red Moon." It is thought they are making money very fast this season. It is also said that it is only within a year or so that the combination crossed the financial dead-line. They are a most conservative pair, don't socialize quite as much as some of the others. What they get by way of patronage comes by downright merit only. That is to say, they are not nearly so personally popular. But that's another question. They dress and look like a pair of smart colored business men when on the street. They seem in the business merely as a business venture, rendering good as it becomes good business men. That is to say, they do not appear to be so infatuated with the stage as many others. The conclusion may be wrong, since they are cultured men, college men, and it may be that cold intellectualism helps dominate. Cole's comedianism is surely helped by his education—he sees so widely. It shows up to advantage in Johnson's music particularly, perhaps a little in his acting. Acting is a gift, and not to all alike. But the subject is money. The boys are growing popular and special with the race, which wants some of the common darkey parts of the shows reduced. If they have no money, they are in a big way to be on the right side of the ledger in a few more months. Men that count their salaries in the hundreds a week don't have to work long on a paying business before they have money.

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Carita Day makes good money because she is a good actress. She lives in New York. She has diamonds, which is a bank account to begin with. Miss Day is clever, being rarely without engagement. She is said to have money.

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Hogan has made money; he spent it lavishly. But he is thought to have saved some at that. He has been sick for quite a while, and the chances are that this has made awful inroads on his savings.

Billy McClain, formerly his partner, was always a money bags. He and Hogan came from Australia a few years ago, after an engagement in that country. Billy had diamonds and diamonds, wore one of those cuff-sized collars that didn't know when to stop running down in front. Hogan's securities were not so visible. McClain had English suits, great ivory-headed canes, and other attraetive accessories that made for the type show man—the old-time, the one now passing. McClain had money also, and property.

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The other actors that do not loom up so greatly are making good. The chances are that the chorus girls, some of them with their $18 per, can show up some pretty neat bank books. The personnel of the colored show girl is rapidly changing; she is patterning her life after the better class white show people, consequently they are not the dead-easies thought to be. She is modest to a saving extent, saves her money, makes presents to all the dear ones at home, actink like colored girls in other capacities.

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The many young men finding employment are using their opportunity to advantage. They as a whole have changed up. They are not much different to men seen every day. Stage manners are not affected on the streets; they are saving their money, or spending it judiciously; many of them have homes purchased with the earnings of the stage. Some have more than one home—a summer home, where they enjoy the cool breezes of sea or lake, as the other folks do. SIWEL.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The funeral of Mr. Wade Hamilton was held Friday afternoon, March 19, at the Bethel A. M. E. Church, and was largely attended. The services were in charge of Rev. Christy, assisted by Rev. J. W. Kirk, Dr. Batchler, Prof. J. S. Woods and Rev. Mason. The pulpit was in mourning. He was born seventy-three years ago a slave in Bellbuckle, Bedford county, Tenn., and was married in Cairo to Annie Miller. He was a member of the Bethel A. M. E. Church, and was a good, industrious man. He is survived by several nieces and nephews. Interment was in East Cemetery. The many beautiful flowers were in charge of Mrs. Ellen Moore. Music was furnished by the church choir....Ora Moore was visiting his sister, Mrs. Effie Edwards, in Macomb, Ill., recently.... Mrs. Geeter has returned home from New Orleans, La., where she went on account of the serious illness of her father. While there she received many beautiful presents....Little Edith Stewart is quite ill at her home, on East Washington street.... The little child of Mrs. Johnson, of South Fayette street, has been quite ill, but is some better now....Mrs. Alice Grant has moved to Sprinfield, Ill....Prof. J. S. Woods, of Chicago, Ill., lectured Friday night, March 19, at the Bethel A. M. E. Church, before a good audience. He is a very able speaker. His subject was "Lincoln's Place in Our National Development and Destiny."....The Mallory Company took a party of twenty people and played at the old soldiers' home on March 17, and at night Mallory Orchestra also played for a dance at Rogers' Hall. Their music was highly complimented....A very pleasant surprise party was given March 17 at the home of Miss Hazel Belle, on North Diamond street. Miss Hazel Belle received many beautiful postal cards. Each guest was given a souvenir. Refreshments were served. Nellie Early assisted in entertaining....Mrs. Burrell and son have returned home to Chicago, after a pleasant visit with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Mason....The box entertainment given March 18 at Mt. Emery Baptist Church was largely attended and a good success. Some boxes sold for over $2....Miss Hortense Oliver received the prize recently for selling the most tickets for the tent. The prize was a beautiful big doll....Miss Pitts, who was operated on recently, is getting along nicely....A post card shower was given recently in honor of Mrs. Burrell, of Chicago, Ill. She received many beautiful postal cards....The following persons continue still very ill: Mrs. Genera Brown and Mrs. Nellie Kuechler.... Word was received recently from Miss Bertha Haitthman, of Chicago, Ill., who was operated on, that she is much better. ....Miss Dora Butler, of Hadley, Ill., has returned home, after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. Oliver Brown, of North Diamond street.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Buckner (nee Rainey) served quite an elaborate dinner Sunday, March 21. The following guests were present: Rev. and Mrs. Seymore, Mrs. Carter Poindexter, Mrs. Mary Killebrew, Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Caruthers, Mrs. Robert J. Rainey and Mrs. Andrew Rainey. The table was beautifully decorated with tulips and buttercups. ....Mr. Crawford Farley returned to Chicago Saturday, after a brief visit to relatives and friends....Tobacco is plentiful, and the factories have resumed work.

ELKDOM!

Arrangements Rapidly Shaping Themselves by which The Freeman will Become the National Organ of the Order.

Arrangements are under way with the various orders comprising the I. B. P. O. E. of W. of the United States, which, when completed, will place The Freeman at the helm as the National organ of the order. This is as it should be. The organiation has made marvelous progress during its short life, and bids fair to outstrip all other colored lodges in the country, both in membership and financial strength. Like all fraternal bodies, a journal of national character, as an official organ, is essential to its permanent success and breadth of appeal to its rather cosmopolitan clientage. Made up, as it is for the most part, of members who by virtue of their itinerant positions (this includes the hotel men, the railroad porters, etc.) makes it absolutely necessary that a national paper should represent the body, through which the members all over the country could keep in touch with general proceedings of the order. It is proposed by the management of The Freeman to set aside a space each week for the exclusive use of the various Elks Lodges throughout the country. In department work The Freeman is the recognized success of the century among colored newspapers. Its sections representing the Stage, Sport and the Hotel Waiters enjoy world-wide recognition. It is the purpose of The Freeman management to make the columns set aside for the I. B. P. O. E. of W. one of the most distinct successes of its history. A very encouraging response is pouring into The Freeman office with each mail from the various lodges indorsing the move and proclaiming allegiance and support to every measure tending to promote and spread the faith throughout the land. It is requested and earnestly urged that all secretaries that The Freeman is now in correspondence with relative to this matter should furnish a short, newsy letter to The Freeman after each regular meeting, setting forth the progress of the work. By this means it is meant to keep the entire colored Elks of America in touch with each other, and at the same time to give interesting and instructive reading matter that appeals to them alone. The Freeman, in time, will carry a permanent directory of the name and address of every "E. R." and secretary of the entire order in the United States. This will be invaluable to the brother in strange cities. He will thus always be provided with the name of a *friend* and *brother*. It is further proposed to maintain a regular postoffice exchange such as is now operated in our office in the interest of the theatrical profession. This will be known as the "Elks' Postoffice," through which any brother in America may be reached when an individual is in doubt of his correct address or number of his lodge.

S. H. DUDLEY,
The "Smart Set" Comedian, after whom was named Lodge No. 164, St. Joseph, Mo.

Brother John A. Denny, secretary, and Brother Charles T. Phelps, E. R., of S. H. Dudley Lodge No. 164, St. Joseph, Mo., writes:

"Dear Brother—We are more than pleased with the work you are taking up in behalf of the colored Elks of America, and assure you that you will be pleased with the showing of the S. H. Dudley Lodge No. 164."

Olive E. Robinson, E. R. of Flower City Lodge No. 911, Rochester, N. Y., writes:

"Dear Brother—I am heartily in favor of your movement. I have always regarded The Freeman as our leading race journal. As Exalted Ruler of this lodge I shall leave no stone unturned to make it a grand success and secure to The Freeman the support of this lodge."

R. M. Johnson, secretary of Gopher Lodge No. 105, St. Paul, Minn., writes: "Send us sample copies at once. It will greatly help matters. We will distribute them among the members at the next regular meeting."

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Indiana Lodge No. 104, Indianapolis, Ind., will give a public installation of officers at Masonic Hall, Monday evening, March 29. This is to be the first "blow-out" of this nature yet put on by the local gentlemen of "horns."

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How about a National Elks' Carnival the year after next, in conjunction with the general assembly?

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Indianapolis has a weather eye open, and is covetously arranging to send a strong delegation to Detroit in the hope that she will bring home "the bacon."

ROUTES.

BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS—Palo Alto, Cal., Mar. 30; Vallejo, 31; Napa, Apr. 1; Santa Rosa, 2; Petaluma, 3.
RICHARDS AND PRINGLE'S MINSTRELS—Galena, Kan., Mar. 28; Rich Hill, Mo., 29; Pleasant Hill; Sedalia.
BROWN AND HODGES—Week of Mar. 28, Grand Opera House, Pueblo, Cal.
DARKTOWN SWELLS, under direction of Robert C. White—Atlanta, Ga., Mar. 29 to April 3.

THE FREEMAN POSTOFFICE

Notice.—Persons whose names appear in the following list will kindly send for mail, as the names will appear four times and then returned to writer or dead-letter office. It would prevent delay if all performers would send route from time to time and letter could be forwarded at once.

Gentlemen's List.

Bruce, W. A.
Boyd, Al.
Boyd, Al
Edawrds, Ray Lyons
Happy Banguard.
Jones, Will.
Kirk, Frank
McQuilly, Moses
Moppin, Pearl.
Woodley, Robt.

Ladies' List.

Cook, Anna.

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THE WIZARD IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Dr. Booker T. Washington Begins His Great Tour of the Palmetto State—Hearty Reception at Rock Hill on Sunday.

Special by Thompson's National News Bureau.

ROCK HILL, S. C., March 14.—South Carolina is experiencing a great awakening to-day. The party, headed by Dr. Booker T. Washington, which is to tour the State this week, arrived here early this morning, coming on from Charlotte, N. C., where the members had assembled yesterday. As has been previously stated, the object of the visitation is to study the industrial and educational conditions surrounding the Negro people of South Carolina, to stimulate the commercial spirit of the race, and to emphasize the opportunities that lie in the wake of those of us who are willing to cast our lot in the rich agricultural regions of the Southland—to make homes, build schools and churches, and to become vital forces in the economic life of this section.

The party was met at the station at Rock Hill by a committee, in charge of Dr. Richard Carroll, of Columbia, and Attorney W. T. Andrews, of Sumter, and escorted in carriages to their various stopping places. The homes of the thrifty, industrious and hospitable citizens were thrown open to them, and a cordial welcome awaited them upon every hand.

In the morning the local pulpits were filled by the visiting ministers, and people were found in the churches who had not been in attendance for years.

At 1:30 o'clock Friedham's spacious hall was packed with an expectant crowd, awaiting the coming of Dr. Washington, who was announced for an address at 2. The speech of the famous educator was of an encouraging nature, and dealt with the advantages that lay at the door of every Negro man or woman who will strive to do his or her best at whatever he or she may undertake, be it lofty or humble, as viewed in the eyes of the world. He bore heavily upon the importance of developing the race along commercial and agricultural lines, urging the acquisition of land, the improvement of farming methods, closer touch with the soil, and a stronger effort to promote friendly relations between the races. He reiterated the common-sense philosophy that we shall find it more profitable to dwell upon our advantages than upon our disadvantages, and to think more of the things which we may do than upon the things which we are not permitted to do, working sturdily in the meantime to remove our many handicaps by patient toil and actual achievement.

Dr. Washington was applauded to the echo, and throughout his address there were frequent demonstrations of the warmest approval. Hundreds of white people were present, and many came forward at the close to congratulate the speaker.

A felicitous address of welcome was delivered by the Hon. J. T. Roddey, mayor of Rock Hill. Editor C. P. T. White, of the Rock Hill Messenger, who acted as master of ceremonies, introduced Rev. Richard Carroll, who in turn introduced Dr. Washington. Mrs. Ella M. Toole, directress of music, rendered a beautiful solo, and presented a musical program which embraced offerings by Messrs. William Jackson, Henry Farmer and R. S. Ambrose, and concerted selections by a special choir of fifty voices. Rev. J. L. Black delivered the invocation, and Rev. J. T. Wright pronounced the benediction. Following the exercises at the hall, an elaborate dinner was served in honor of the visitors at the Booker T. Washington Hotel.

At 5:30 the party left for Winnsboro, where a night meeting is cheduled. To-morrow the entire day will be spent at Columbia. Other cities included in the itinerary are Denmark, Orangeburg, Camden, Sumter, Florence, Charleston, Anderson, Greenville and Gaffney.

The Washington party which reached Rock Hill this morning embraced, besides the "Wizard" and his private secretary, Mr. Emmett J. Scott, the following: Bishop G. W. Clinton, of the A. M. E. Zion Church; Mr. J. H. Washington, of Washington, D. C.; Dr. J. A. Kenney and Nathan Hunt, of Tuskegee Institute; Mr. R. W. Thompson, manager of Thompson's National News Bureau; Mr. Charles Stewart, of Chicago, representing the National Association Press; Dr. R. E. Park, of Boston; Messrs. John Merrick and C. C. Spaulding, president and vice-president of the North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association, of Durham, N. C. Others will join the party at Columbia to-morrow. A well-appointed special car is being used for the interesting journey, and the "sages" of South Carolina are kept busy pointing out the sights of historic significance.

The weather is turning out to be beautiful, after the rain of yesterday, and the trip bids fair to be no less successful from any point of view than were similar pilgrimages made some months ago through Oklahoma and Mississippi.

MONTGOMERY, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. Wm. S. Schley has returned home after an abscence of two and a half years, during which period he was one of the instructors at the St. Pual's Episcopal school....Mrs. Nicey Brothers and daughter, Miss Nellie, have moved into their beautiful little cottage at Normal Heights. Miss Brothers is one of our young city teachers, graduating from the S. N. of Montgomery, "1908." ....Normal Heights, so called from its situation near the Normal school, is a growing Negro settlement. Many beautiful homes are showing the progress of people of that settlement. Among the pretty new homes that might be mentioned are those of Mrs. V. Lewis, Mr. George Doak, Dr. S. S. H. Washington, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Tally and Miss Brothers....Montgomery is again in the hands of the high water. Already the Alabama river has claimed its share of victims. "Old Bob" who for ten years has been on the ferry was among the number. He has saved a number of people from a watery grave. For his heroism during the high water of 1908 of saving two young white men, this one-armed Negro was presented with a beautiful medal by the white children of the public schools, assisted by white citizens. One side of the medal had a one-armed man reaching over the side of a bateau holding a man above the water. His death is regretted by all. Owing to the swift under current none of the bodies have been recovered. The river front was crowded with people yesterday looking at the water. Great damage was done by the rains of thepast week....Mr. H. A. Loveless one of our progressive business men, has purchased a new line of hacks. This speaks well for Mr. Loveless and is much appreciated by the people of his race....Mr. Elijah Cook, Montgomery's oldest undertaker has purchased a handsome funeral car, equal to any in the city....The students of S. N. S. are very proud of their record in football and basketball games for the year having lost only one game.

COVINGTON, KY.

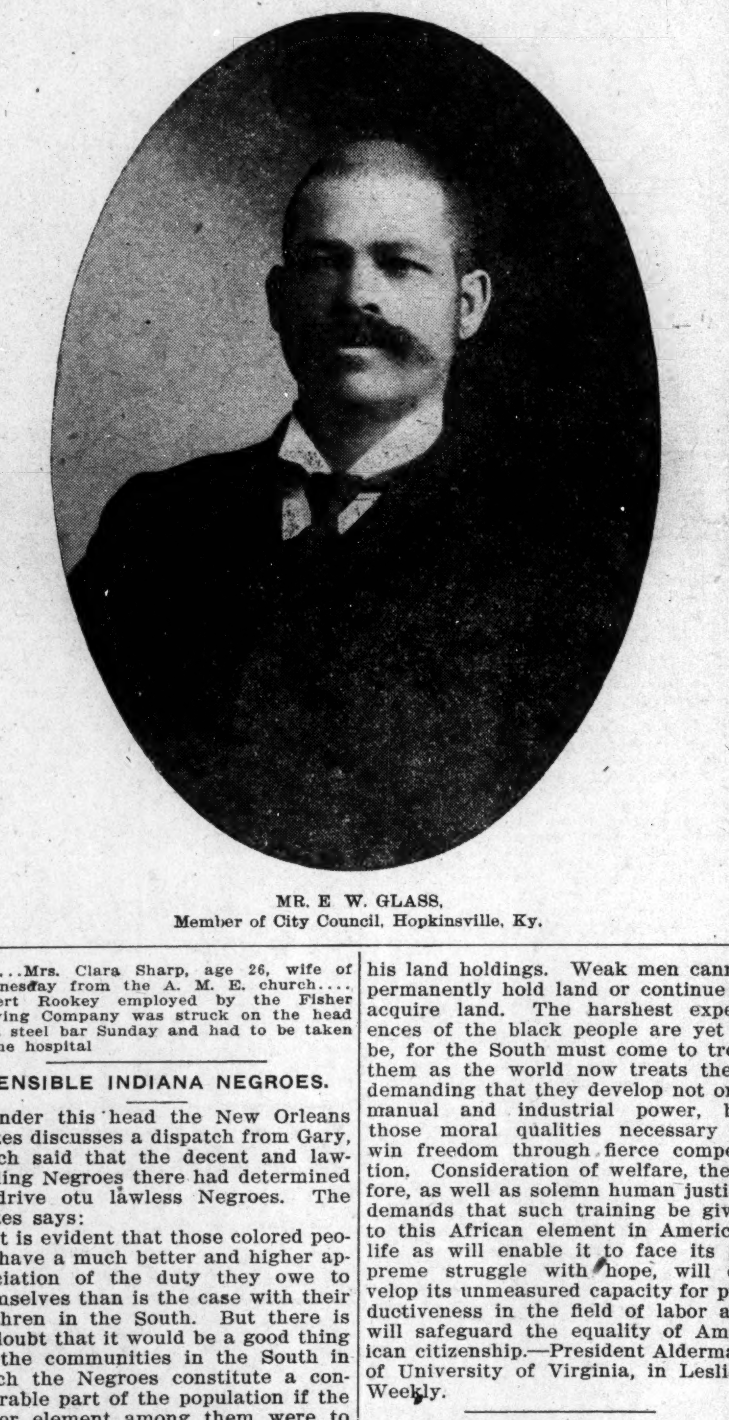
Special to THE FREEMAN.

Edw. and Earl Kelly of Oxford, Ohio, were the guests of S. R. Showes for a few days during the week of Williams and Walker's stay in Cincinnati....Miss Alice Grandison of Cincinnati rendered a most excellent program at the Zion A. M. E. church last Thursday evening for the benefit of the Educational Board of that church. Profs. W. H. Fouse and S. R. Showes made addresses on "Luther Burbank," and "The Threefold Progress of the Southern Negroes," respectively. The music was fine and an excellent instrumental solo was rendered by Miss Mae Barrat of St. Louis....The Ladies' Union Club was entertained by Mrs. Hayes of Saratoga street. An excellent program was rendered and refreshments were served. The vistors present were Miss Lula Smith, Mrs. Chas. Hillman, Mrs. Elizabeth Delaney, Mrs. Gooch, Mrs. Hood and Mr. S. R. Showes. Mrs. Richard Smith, the president, announced that the next meeting would be at Miss Elizabeth McLean's on the 24th of March....The many friends of Miss E. E. Webster are glad to know that she is now able, and has returned to her duties at the Seventh street school after an illness of over a month....Mrs. Chas. Carson is improving and hopes to be out in a few weeks....The many friends of Mr. Marcum Southgate are glad to know that he has purchased a cozy little home on East Rollins street in this city....Mrs. Leana Snowden of Lexington was the guest of Mrs. R. Smith for a few days week before last....Rev. G. W. Andrews of the A. M. E. church of this city administered communion to the members of the A. M. E. church at Falmouth, Ky., Sunday last....Mr. John Allen of Chicago, spent the 15th in this city with his sister, Mrs. Allen, who has been ill for over a month....The William Grant High school had no little credit reflected upon it recently by Chester Rice, who won one of the Lincoln Medallion prizes offered by the Kentucky Post. Mr. Rice is a member of the Junior class and is doing excellent school work....Through the persistent efforts of Prof. W. H. Fouse, the new and energetic principal of the Wm. Grant High school, the only bath room in any of the public schools of the city is now completed. This bath was begun last year. With its snow white interior, trimmed in maroon, its instantaneous heater and shower bath, would make this addition a luxury in any home of the city. Gas lights have been placed all over the building and a gas range and a refrigerator have been put in the restaurant. Other improvements have also been made....It is with very great pleasure that we speak of the esteem in which Mr. Squire Fouse, the father of Prof. W. H. Fouse, was held at his home, Westerville, Ohio. Although Mr. Fouse was an ex-slave, living in that town for forty years, he had won the appreciation and esteem of both white and black to such an extent that his funeral was held in the chapel of Otterbein University. Prof. Cornetret of the university delivered the eulogy, while Dr. W. L. Burr of Columbus, Ohio, conducted the services. Mr. Squire Fouse ras always been conected with Otterbein, his oldest son, Prof. Fouse, being the only Negro gradute from the College department. His home was the boarding place for both white and black students alike. The audience of the best white and black citizens was an honor to his memory....The boys of the cabinet making class of the Manual Training department of the Wm. Grant High school are proud of the work which they are turning out. There have been library tables, chairs, book cases and many other useful pieces of furniture turned out by them. The instructor, Prof. Showes, is, without a doubt, fully efficient for the work and has shown the people that the Covington boys can produce any article.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Sadie Jackson, daughter of Mrs. James Kelley, died in Cleveland, Tuesday evening and was brought home for burial, which took place from the Oak Hill avenue church. Rev. Smith conducted the services. She leaves a husband, a daughter seven years old, mother, one brother, three sisters and a number of relatives and friends. The pallbearers were C. W. Swinton, B. G. Haywood, Will Tabler, Earl Williams, Steve Dorcy, William Saunders.... Percy Morrison and Mrs. Biddle of Watts street are ill....Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Simpson spent Saturday and Sunday in Revanna....The condition of John Eccles, George Talley, John Beverly and son are about the same....Mrs. Robinson of Andrews avenue, and Mrs. Johnson of West Federal street are on the sick list....Miss Grace Lacey returned home last week after a four weeks visit in Cleveland....Mrs. J. H. Lewis and Mrs. Etta Lacey spent Sunday in Cleveland with Mrs. Frank Perkins....Mr. A. Thompson attended the dedication of the St. John's A. M. E. church in Cleveland, Sunday.... The Oak Hill avenue Sewing Circle met Thursday at the residence of Mrs. Samuel Boggess. The meeting was well attended and after the routine of business, lunch was served. Next meeting, Thursday, April 8, at Mrs. A. Rayfords, Union Court....A. Harper was taken with a relapse Sunday and is in a critical condition at this writing....Mrs. Clara Sharp, age 26, wife of Wednesday from the A. M. E. church.... Robert Rookey employed by the Fisher Draying Company was struck on the head by a steel bar Sunday and had to be taken to the hospital



MR. E. W. GLASS,
Member of City Council, Hopkinsville, Ky.

SENSIBLE INDIANA NEGROES.

Under this head the New Orleans States discusses a dispatch from Gary, which said that the decent and law-abiding Negroes there had determined to drive out lawless Negroes. The States says:

"It is evident that those colored people have a much better and higher appreciation of the duty they owe to themselves than is the case with their brethren in the South. But there is no doubt that it would be a good thing for the communities in the South in which the Negroes constitute a considerable part of the population if the better element among them were to adopt the course of the decent colored people of Gary. But, unfortunately, the Negroes of the South have adopted the rule of shielding the criminals of their race instead of aiding in the detection and punishment of them, hence a sentiment is created from which the whole race suffers, the good as well as the bad. This mistake, which is a very serious one, was not made by the law-abiding Negroes of the Indiana town, and it is to be hoped that the example they have set will not be entirely lost on their race in the South."

We are in for decency, for the observance of the laws, but cannot see that it is up to the citizens of ,Gary, white or black, to take the matter of enforcing the laws in their own hands, unless those chosen for such purpose are powerless to do so. Even in that extreme circumstance, it does not become the duty of the citizens to rout the lawless, but it would be countenanced because a necessity.

We hope the good Negroes of Gary will not resolve themselves into a mob in order to do something they are not called on to do. Only with the greatest difficulty would they be able to select the ones whose offenses were such that they should be expelled from the community. The best equipped courts, aided by police and detectives, cannot always tell with discriminating niceness who are bad. The jails and the rock piles have not forgotten their duties, besides the other ways of bringing wrongdoers to their senses. The methods suggested by the Negroes of Gary, and indorsed by the New Orleans publication, would do away with the police department, since bad white men should be no exception to the rule.

It is so strange that when Negroes talk of turning on themselves, talk of running the bad portion out of town, that the idea is so promptly aided and abetted, and by those who know so much better. Mob violence in any form is to be deplored, and most especially by the class that furnishes the victims. A bad Negro will be a good Negro in jail. Why not put him there if his actions demand it? If the jail of Gary is not big enough to entertain the bad citizens, it should be enlarged. Anything rather than help perpetuate the mob idea. Above all things, it has done more to cheapen the Negroes at home and abroad. A Negro burned! It is the mob's graduating effort, its piece de resistance—the mob at its best.

The lesser lawless gathering is no better in theory; it is lawless; because it has not reached the stage where it burns does not make it one whit more acceptable to our plan of government. If Negroes banded together for driving out, other citizens are immune from punishment; by the same reasoning the mob of the third degree quality is also immune. We dare say that the race would not like to hear of a mob that burns at the stake exonerated, feeling that no offense could justify such extreme cruelty. The lesser mob that does not as yet do great, big, unlawful things will not be less guilty for doing the little, unlawful things. It is best to let the law take its course.

NEGRO'S COMING ORDEAL.

Nearly a million Negroes now live outside southern limits. In thirty years that number will be increased 50 per cent. Already it is the ultimate fate of the Negro that is in the balance in Southern States. The remarkable acquisition of land by the Negro is creditable to his sagacity and a testimony to the amazing freedom of opportunity accorded him. It should be held in mind, however, that strength alone can guarantee permanence in his land holdings. Weak men cannot permanently hold land or continue to acquire land. The harshest experiences of the black people are yet to be, for the South must come to treat them as the world now treats them, demanding that they develop not only manual and industrial power, but those moral qualities necessary to win freedom through fierce competition. Consideration of welfare, therefore, as well as solemn human justice, demands that such training be given to this African element in American life as will enable it to face its supreme struggle with hope, will develop its unmeasured capacity for productiveness in the field of labor and will safeguard the equality of American citizenship.—President Alderman, of University of Virginia, in Leslie's Weekly.

COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE.

State of Indiana, Marion County, ss:

In the Superior Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana.

Frank E. Pettiford vs. Ellen Pettiford.

No. 78049.

Complaint for divorce.

Be it known, that on the 5th day of March, 1909, the above named plaintiff, by his attorneys, filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana, his complaint against the above named defendant, Ellen Pettiford, and the said plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant, Ellen Pettiford, is not a resident of the State of Indiana, and said cause is for divorce, and that the above named defendant is a necessary party thereto; and whereas, said plaintiff having by indorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto, on the 4th day of May, 1909.

Now, therefore, by order of said court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against her, and that unless she appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 4th day of May, 1909, the same being the second judicial day of a term of said court, to be begun and held at the court house, in the city of Indianapolis, on the first Monday in May, 1909, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in her absence.

LEONARD M. QUILL, Clerk.
Jas. T. V. Hill, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

SCRAPS FROM THE SPORTING WORLD

By Harry W. Jackson.

Get younr lungs in order.

The boxing lid is on at Elwood, Ind.

Jeffries must remember that he can't fight on what he has done.

Will Taylor, a 135-pound boxer of Louisville, Ky., is anxious to meet all comers.

Spring practice has started at the Indianapolis American Association park.

Billy Papke was favorite over Jim Flynn in their fight Friday night of last week.

The Chicago Union Giants will depend a great deal on the boys from the Hoosier metropolis.

Mahmout and Gotch are practically matched to wrestle for the championship of the world.

Manager "Rube" Foster, of the Leland Giants, has completed the route of the famous sluggers.

Governor Charles Deneen prevented the coming off of the Kid Farmer-Danny Goodman bout at Pekin, Ill.

A new world's skating record for the miles has been made by Flannery, the Ohio champion. Time, 2:58.

Any match with Jack Johnson as a principal will be a drawing card. Every one is anxious to see him in action.

We are anxious to see some of those plays that the baseball boys have been talking about this past winter.

The St. Louis Lloyds have several open dates. Address John C. Mosley, 2744 Morgan street. He would like to hear from the Louisville Giants.

For a fight with Jeffries Johnson has a good opportunity to train against Jim's fighting tactics, as BoBb Armstrong, Jack's trainer, has fought Jeffries.

Maroney broke the dancing Marathon record for twelve miles at the Germania Hall, of this city, by making the distance in 2:51. The former record was 3:30.

John Lindsay, manager of the St. Louis Black Socks, is in need of a good, reliable southpaw. Must give references. If you want the job, address 813 Magee street, St. Louis, Mo.

James J. Corbett, while playing the Park Theater here, issued a second challenge to Jack Jhonson. Corbett is playing "Facing the Music," but would like to play "Facing the Black Champion."

Seems as if Marvin Hart and Mike Schreck can't get together. They were matched for the 18th, but the bout failed to come off. This is the third time that they have been matched.

"The Rube," Harry Washington, sends word from French Lick that he is still on the globe and in fine condition. Washington worked out with the Cubs while they were there. He says that he has a fast bunch to bring to Indianapolis.

The fans of Dallas, Texas, decided in a meeting to have a winning team for the 1909 season. Shares are for sale. President William Humphrey is ready and willing to furnish any information desired in reference to this project. Headquarters at the Texas Social Club, corner Elm and Good streets.

The St. Louis Lloyds have been strengthened by signing Ricahrd Bibbs, Johnson and Mason, of the Birmingham and Macon clubs. The Lloyds have completed booking their games for a trip through the Southern States. They will play some of the strongest teams in the largest cities of Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee.

A reporter in the press stand at the Gans-White bout, which took place in New York city, claims that Gans was robbed of a knockout. He says that when White took the count of "nine" he (White) lay on the floor fully fifteen seconds by a stop-watch, and again, in that round, twenty-nine seconds were clipped off the legal time. This also saved White from being knocked out.

Jeffries thinks that he can defeat Jack Johnson and become the heavyweight champion of the world. Well, the longer he waits to demonstrate the feat the longer "Artha" will be champion. Jim is not in a hurry, so don't worry. He says that Johnson is a quitter; if so, then why take so much time and pains to "get back in condition" to meet a quitter? Jeffries realizes that when he meets Johnson he will be up against the real thing, and that he must take no chances.

The Kuebler brothers, owners of the St. Louis Black Socks, have organized one of the strongest teams in Missouri, which will go on the road and meet all comers, white or colored. The Socks will open their engagements about the first of May. The lineup will be: Catchers, Knight or Green; pitchers, Dixon, Brown and Lindsay; infielders, Morris first base, Price second base, Lindsay third base; shortstop, Robert Lindsay; outfields, Wilkins right field, White center field and Tiller left field.

Omaha, Neb., is preparing to have the fastest baseball team west of the Mississippi. They have two men from Buxton, Iowa, Lon Lee, of Kansas City Jenkins, two from Algona Browns, and one from the Gophers. The team will play in Chicago this summer. They are called the Omaha Giants. Lineup: Whaley, catch; Lee, Williams and Turner, pitch; P. Terrell, first base; Hurt, second base; Green, shortstop; Lindsey, third base; Tootle, Warren, Williams and Brown, outfield. The team is under the management of Cyrus Terrell. Joseph Hale is secretary.

The Chicago Giants have organized for the 1909 season, and are ready to arrange games with all first-class teams throughout the United States. The team is composed of the following all-star performers: Miller, Clark and Brown, pitch; Haywood and Jones, catch; Rogers, first base; Lee, second base; Crawford, third base; Tabbert, left field; Mitchell, center field; Leach, right field, and Slaughter, shortstop. The following are the officers: S. Smith, president; H. M. Johnson, secreary, and William Brown, treasurer. A. W. Stewart, manager, 2931 State street, desires to correspond with the managers of some of the fast teams of the country.

Even though Stanley Ketchel, the middleweight champion of the world, is said to be practically matched with Jack Johnson, the heavyweight champion of the world, Jack probably would have not been champion of the heavies to-day had Ketchel gotten a crack at Tommy Burns, the ex-champion, and defeated him. Ketchel hasn't all the love in the world for an ebony fighter, and had he captured the title from the French Canadian, he would without doubt have dealt the same hand to Johnson as Sully did to Peter Jackson. He says that he will fight Johnson ten or forty-five rounds. Sam Langford is a middleweight, and is powerful—to this Jim Barry and a host of others can swear—but Ketchel will not fight him; still he is willing to meet Johnson, a man who is out of his class in every way, shape or form. In our opinion Langford is Stanley's master, and can take his measure on short notice. He (Ketchel) would meet Johnson, but not Langford. Why? If he should fight the Boston hammer and be defeated by him, what does it mean? Langford would be middleweight champion of the world. Then there would be two Negro fighters bosses of the middle and heavyweight classes. Should he meet Johnson and be defeated, there would not be much to lose; he would still be the middleweight champion. We had one earthquake when Johnson took the crown away from Tommy, and for Ketchel to lose the middleweight championship to Langford would be too much for our neighbors.

CORBETT MAKES CHALLENGE.

James J. Corbett, ex-champion heavyweight, who played at the Park the last three days of the past week with the comedy, "Facing the Music," regards himself practically matched with Jack Johnson for the world's title. Reports from Chicago and New York to the effect that Johnson has been matched with Stanley Ketchel do not disconcert Corbett, as he believes that bout will not interfere with his plans. Johnson and Ketchel will probably meet in a ten-round bout, according to the reports, and Corbett does not believe such a contest would have a bearing on the championship. Furthermore, he does not think Ketchel has a chance to defeat the burly black. "Stanley is a good little man," said Corbett, "but the same was true of Burns. And then I don't think the Michigan boxer is fast enough for Johnson. He is a stiff puncher, but I hardly think he is in Johnson's class. Now, I am sincere in my efforts to arrange a match with Johnson. The sum of $1,000 was posted for me in New York yesterday, and I will post the same amount in Chicago, as Johnson asks. I think I can modestly state that I have the best chance of all the boxers now before the public to defeat Johnson. I am in perfect physical condition, as any physician will tell you, and I don't think I ever was stronger or faster in my life."

INDIANS' EXHIBITION GAMES.

April 1, 2, 3—Athletics.
April 5—Washington.
April 6—Boston Americans.
April 7, 8—Detroit.
April 9, 10—Chicago Cubs.
April 12—Brooklyn.
April 13—Pittsburg.
April 14—Opening A. A. season.

LANGFORD DEFEATS BARRY.

Was in Better Condition than the Chicago Boxer.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Sam Langford, the middleweight, defeated Jimmy Barry at the Washington Sporting Club, March 18, in one of the most exciting and sensational boxing bouts that has been seen in this city in a long time. The Chicago boxer has been suffering from a slight attack of malarial fever, and he had not been able to get into good shape for the bout. Langford appeared to be in almost perfect shape, and he was as quick as a cot in his movements about the ring, and his blows came with terrific force.

Y. M. C. A. CARNIVAL.

Large Attendance—Boxing, Wrestling and Gym. Work.

The athletic carnival held at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, Friday evening of the past week, proved to be a big drawing card. The gym. was packed to its utmost capacity with men and women from various points of the city. At 8:30 o'clock the program began with a boxing match between Edward McWilliams and Porter Harden. This was followed by a wrestling match between Harrison Mays and Arthur Beard, the former winning. This match was welcomed by much enthusiasm. The match between George Brooks and Benjamin McWilliams was the best match of the occasion. They kept things going from start to finish. The gym. class in charge of the general secretary, Thomas E. Taylor, gave an exhibition of their work, concluding it with the medicine ball. Henry Henderson, who threw a challenge to the membership of the "Y" for a wrestling bout, failed to receive an offer, but showed up well in a match with the gloves with Charles Williams. Thomas Wakefield and John Jackson acted as referees of the boxing matches. H. W. Jackson was promoter of the carnival. The boys' class is anticipating giving a carnival in the near future, under the direction of Mr. H. Mays, who has charge of the juvenile department.

JOHNSON DENIES THAT WIFE IS A WHITE WOMAN

Three-Quarters Colored Blood—Were Not Married in Australia, as Was Reported.

Special to The Freeman.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Local sporting fans enjoyed a unique sight one day last week, when two world's champions—Jack Johnson, the heavyweight fighter, and Frank Gotch, the wrestler—met by accident on State street. They stopped to shake hands and talk for a few minutes. Each had a large an enthusastic following, and when the crowds met they overflowed until the street was jammed from curb to curb. Rival cheering and shouting started. Hats were thrown in the air. The police came down the street on the run, thinking a riot was on. The champions, in order to escape being crushed, had to separate.

Johnson emphatically denies that his wife is a white woman.

"Mrs. Johnson," said the fighter, "is three-quarters colored blooded, and I did not marry her in Australia. Her maiden name was Hattie Smith, and we were married in Mississippi about two and a half years ago. She went to Australia from London with me."

Johnson will not go to Galveston, Texas, his home town, according to his present plans. He says he has engagements in the East in the near future.

After that he will sail for London to get ready for his fight with Sam Langford the latter part of May. The champion will remain here until the arrival of Hugh McIntosh, the promoter of the Johnson-Burns fight in Australia. They will talk over the chances of a fight with James J. Jeffries.

WHO CAN WHIP HIM?

By Leslie A. Allen, Lancaster, Neb.

Jeff can whip our "Gladiator!"—coax him, he'll bite;
Be game, Jeff; toe the mark, and show Burns how to fight.
We are from Missouri—show us you are there;
Jack issued a challenge—will fight, from you, up to a bear.
He'll fight! I knew him from a lad;
He never fought any battles—always got too mad.
Big sis' fought his battles—Jack would run away;
"Look here, ma, I'm tired of this," declared big sis' one day.
His ma held a stniger, also his dad;
Put a thousand bumblebees around his coat-tail—
From that day Jack got mad.

Lightweights, feathers and bantams look the same,
Jack whipped all and looked for bigger game.
He and Choynski fought a twenty-round bout;
Choynski was at his best, and knocked poor Jack out.
He can't do it again, I'll bet ten thousand on the side;
If Jack looks at Choynski now he'll run off and hide.
Fitz says, "Jack's a fighter—pretty good one, too."
All you pugs come in and give the champ. what's due!
Corbett was scientific—got nick-named "Fancy Dick,"
He never won many battles—alwoys got licked.
Sullivan, ex-American champ., was called "Dad Bud;"
Had he fought Peter Jackson, *his* name would been mud.

Out of the ring Burns is a dodger with vim;
He couldn't duck those rights and lefts Jack shot at him.
He rushed to knock Jack out of sight,
Jack measured him with left and chopped over his right;
Burns staggered and fell from a weak blow,
The referee counted eight while Burns was on the floor:
"Come on, Tommy, and swing your right!" yelled Master Jack—
"You yellow dog!" cried Tommy Burns, "I'm coming back!"
The gong saved Tommy for many returns,
I'm glad I wasn't poor Tommy Burns!
After the fight Burns said: "I could have whipped my man,
"I'd a cinch with Johnson as Nelson had with Gans."

CHAMPION SAYS JEFFRIES WILL BE AS EASY AS BURNS

Says Burns Was Game—Does Not Think He Will Return to England to Fight Langford.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Jack Johnson, champion heavyweight of the world, received a very cordial welcome on his arrival in this city last week. He was accompanied by his wife.

Johnson said that he could have defeated Burns sooner than he did, but he took no chance for a decision to be made against him.

"I beat Burns easily, but he was game to the core. That's all the good one can say for him. He was too small to begin with; he could not reach me, and in cleverness I had it on him. I really don't feel like I deserve any credit for my victory over Burns, but the world will never know the great satisfaction it afforded me to slash down the man who for two years continuously vilified me, belittled me, and finally proved his unsportsmanship by forcing me to accept unheard-of terms in order to get the match.

"However, when he dictated the impossible terms, he did so to avoid me, and I fooled him and cornered him, forcing him to fight me.

"Now that I have beaten him, I want to go on record as saying [illegible] I never will give him a chance to earn a dollar off me.

"Jim Jeffries? The sooner he announces his willingness to fight me, the better I like. I will cancel all engagements to take him on any time.

"It stands to reason that I can go over a longer route more easily than can Jeffries. I am in the grandest shape of my career right now, and can fight all day and night, if necessary. In the bout with Burns I hardly got a sweat up, and Jeffries cannot carry me any faster than Tommy did. I was just getting down to work when Referee McIntosh stopped the fight. I feel sure that Jeff's wind has been somewhat impaired, and think it would be mighty difficult for him to fight over twenty rounds, if indeed he could go that far. And most surely he can't stop me in twenty rounds.

"I would much prefer to fight Jeffries in the United States. This country is my home and looks good to me, and I want my countrymen to see me in my championship fights. I have promised Jim Coffroth, the Colma, California, promoter, to fight Jeffries before his club, and will keep my promise if Jeffries will consent. The sooner the better it will suit me.

"I don't believe I shall go to England to fight Sam Langford in May, as was my original intention. I would only get $5,000 for the fight, and think there is more money to be had in the United States. And believe me, I am out for the money. I am a champion who fought his way to the top by taking the small end of purses in order to get matches, and have little to show for all my trouble. Now that I am at the top, I intend to go out hard after the coin. Langford is a good fighter, and would give me an interesting contest, but would have no chance to win. I beat him once, really knocked him out two or three times, the kindness of the referee only permitting him to stay the limit.

"Right now I want to brand as a lie the story that credited me with saying that I would insist on a colored referee in the event that I met Jeffries. I never made that statement, and would like to get hold of the fellow that started such a story. I would show him what a real champion looks like in action. There is one referee, a white man, whom I believe capable and honest enough to referee any ring contest. He can officiate for me any time, no matter whom I am fighting. The man is Jack Welch, of San Francisco. I would prefer him as the third man in the ring in a fight with Jim Jeffries. I have been outrageously treated by referees times without number, but do not think I would be taking chances of unfair usage with Welch as judge of the bout."

PENCILINGS.

It may not be generally known that the director of the famous Philippine Constabulary Band is a colored man. He is noticeably of Negro extraction, and right from home, the States. He is Captain William Loving, formerly of the Twenty-fourth Infantry Band. He is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music. From what is learned, the much greater number of the big company are Filipinos, and from the fellowship that seems to prevail they are not averse to the Negro race. In fact, during the recent war the Filipinos often expressed surprise in that they were fought by colored men; they said they were of their race, consequently should stand by them. Intermarriage with the Filipinos is common.

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The Second Baptist Church of Indianapolis, after having been closed for several months, is now open again, but as yet only for Sunday-school purposes. Perhaps no other church in the history of the Negro has been the scene and center of so much friction and turmoil. The church is one of the best known in the North, and really it was the first great church, by way of membership, of the whole North. This statement seems as if given out for mere effect, boosting up one's own home. The principle is not so wrong, and when it and the truth are in a team, "they were a team what were." Indianapolis being the gateway, and especially at that time, of the South to the North, it meant much to the city by way of Negro population. The South appears to be Baptist. And they come until this day, when there are about thirty Baptist churches in the city. Some of these are subdivisions of the great mother church; one is tempted to speak of some of them as churchlets. By subdivision I mean a split, and then a faction growing out of that, and so on, but it is drifting.

GETTING THE COLOR QUESTION MIXED.

It depends on whose ox is being gored some times as to the way things are seen. Most of the Southern papers that have commented on the Japanese situation in the West think to see no more than extension of the same color question which is so well known in that section. A few of them attempt to look above what may be termed racial narrowness as it concerns the Pacific slope, viewing the situation there as trifling an dunworthy of the great to do now being made.

The Times-Dispatch, of Richmond, Va., for one, holds that too much has been made over the affair. It says:

"The horrible swarming of bearded Japanese 'schoolboys' into San Francisco's public schools, which was once going to plunge us into international wars, resolved itself upon scrutiny into ninety-three Japanese scholars in all the schools of the city, very few of whom, indeed, were over twenty years old. So now one California representative declares that there are no more than 25,000 Japanese in the whole State—considerably less than the number of negroes in Richmond—not above seventy-five of whom own property. In addition, restrictive laws in both countries are working favorably, and the number of Japanese in the coast States was actually reduced in the last six months of 1908. Do these facts seem to justify any ringing clarion 'call to the warders of the Western mark'?"

The point is that charity is extended the Japanese when it is certain that the same would not be extended the Negroes in the section, no matter how small the number or what proportion they are to the white inhabitants. While most sensible Negroes agree that the race in all parts of the country is not prepared for that thorough mingling, yet they doubtless will be struck by the above sentiment in favor of the Japanese, and especially on the question of schools, where the contact is more of a civil nature than social. The Southern press is a unit against Negro invasion of white schools, a thing tolerated in the North, and without ill effects.

The Negroes, in the most part, we think, are not inclined to view with alarm the presence of the Japanese right in the thick of affairs, notwithstanding their mode of life is so different, and simply bcause the Negroes know very well that they themselves are proscribed, and owing to circumstances largely over which they have no control.

Viewing the matter from the greater American standpoint, everything being equal, the presence in great numbers of the Orientals is to be viewed with some doubt as to general good, if not with alarm; based on the very different ways of living. Really this is the only reasonable opposition that a community, State or country, of acknowledged freedom and liberty could set forth. A people, no matter how generous, are not supposed to menace their industrial welfare through the spirit of generosity. As to bearded men in the schools, and such like, should be a matter of regulation by the local authorities. That the Japanese hold land is not alarming, unless it is obtained through the niggardly means of industrialism spoken of where the whole thought is to secure all if possible, spend nothing if possible. This condition obtaining by hundreds of thousands would soon reduce the land to beggary, since in the course of a hundred years the Orientals would have the wealth of the country in their coffers. This is not a dream, nor is it merely problematical. It is the effect of a cause, and which could not be averted when once set in motion.

Nor do we feel to be railing against a people as human creatures. Surely not. The theory is that the Hotentot from his native lair is not yet in the ways of advanced civilization. And he is human all right enough. The Orientals are not nearly so far removed, but they still are bound by the hard, fixed rules of the centuries. To put it charitably, they have all to gain and nothing to lose. Economy is a goodly quality, one much preached about; but there is such a thing as overdoing it or doing it on a scale never dreamed of by the most exacting. The foreigners sometimes do this.

WILL THERE BE ASSIMILATION?

President Eliot, of Harvard, in a recent speech at Memphis, Tenn., said the end of the race difficulties in America will be assimilation, and that assimilation can only be perfected by education. We think it is not so certain that assimilation will come about in the sense of the complete destruction of racial lines. The fight is strenuously on to maintain the solidarity of races as between the two great divisions, white and black. It is apparent that it will not be very long before other races, the German, Irish, French and the rest of them, excepting the Jews, will merge into a conglomerate, a composite American citizenship, when other defining beyond citizen will not be known.

When it comes to the different nationalities, including the Chinese and Japanese, they seem to polarize about the white race as against the Negro, and as effectually barring the Negro's progress into the racial trust or racial syndicate as the others are barred intrusion on the Jews. The resisting power of the Jews will be noted. The general proposition, amalgamation or assimilation, is taken by consent. The Negro race bids fair to be the exception to the rule. Incidentally, there will be breaking over lines in a legitimate way. Clandestinely, there will be much more, and simply because the fierce light of public opinion and sentiment will compel it to be so. Not until Africa begins to exhaust or to evolute as his kinsmen in America will the world think seriously of placing the Negroes in the attitude of being sought according to the law of selection. All of this is aside from that praise and consideration coming from excellent qualifications in any direction whatever.

In spite of what we may think or wish, people love to look back to their forbears—their ancestral tree. The tendency is toward nobility, rather than ignobility. It is this disposition, as well as the repugnance to color, which is universal, that makes for a condition that will maintain for many years, if not indefinitely.

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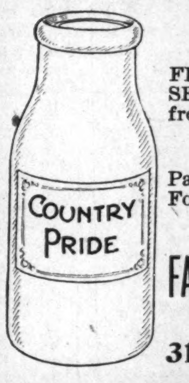

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CITY AND SOCIETY.

Mrs. Della Griffin accompanied her husband to the conference in this city.

Mrs. Anna Pruitt is spending two weeks with relatives in Versailles, Ky.

The Woman's Improvement Club will meet next Thursday with Mrs. Susan Harper.

Mrs. Ritchie, of Muncie, is the guest of Mrs. Joseph Timberlake during the conference.

The Friends' Club will meet Wednesday with Mrs. Vina Garver, 512 West Fourteenth street.

Everett R. Bailey is home from Meharry Medical College at Nashville, where he is a junior.

Mr. Edward M. Shelton, of Chicago, was in the city last week, in the interest of his brother James.

Prof. J. W. Benson and wife, of Mt. Vernon, will attend the Southern Teachers' Association in this city next week.

Miss Adelaide Williams has just returned from Nashville, where she has been a student at Meharry Medical College.

Mrs. Stanley, the widow of Rev. Stanley, of Lexington, a member of the conference who died several months ago, was a visitor at the conference.

Early Sanders, only child of Mr. Ciel Sanders, an old citizen of the city, died at the city hospital Monday of pneumonia. He was nineteen years of age.

The Vesper services of the Y. C. W. P. A. will be held at Shiloh Baptist Church, corner Walnut and North West streets, at 5 p. m. instead of 3:30 p. m.

The Misses Vitula Chambers, Luesta Winlock, Alice Stewart and Mamie Ritchie, of Evansville, will be the guests of Mrs. W. N. Curry during the Southern Indiana Teachers' convention.

Dr. Hammons, of Nashville, Tenn., will deliver an address to the Ethical Culture Society, Sunday, March 28, at 4 P. M., in the Robert Gould Shaw School. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Research Club met Thursday with Mrs. Tillie Smith. A paper was read by Mrs. Gertrude Hill on "A History of Scotland," and a paper on "Current Topics" by Mrs. Mamie Gardner.

Mrs. Sadie B. Dungey, Grand Worthy Counsellor of the Calanthe Courts, Jurisdiction of Indiana, will deliver the thanksgiving address for Victoria Court of Calanthe at Kokomo to-morrow.

Mesdames Robert Sears and J. W. Demsy, of New Castle, mother and sister of Mrs. J. S. Bailey, and Miss Etta Daniels, of Connersville, are guests of Mrs. J. S. Bailey during the conference.

The Thurman W. C. T. Union held a meeting at the Flanner Guild, Thursday afternoon. Several of the conference delegates made addresses on the subject of temperance. Miss Nora Roberts sang a solo.

Bishop C. T. Shaffer, of Chicago, was sufficiently recovered from a recent illness to attend the presiding elders' council at Richmond. Plans were discussed at the meeting for a special effort on Saster Sunday toward a larger appropriation for foreign missions.

Mrs. P. E. Booth is at Evanston, Ill., where she went to attend the dedication, which took place last Sunday, of a new church built on the site of a church which her husband, the late E. G. Booth, had built and had pastored for many years. A memorial window in memory of Rev. Booth has been placed in the church.

The Knights of Pythias and Calanthe Courts of the city will hold their annual thanksgiving services at Bethel A. M. E. Church to-morrow at 2:30. Rev. R. D. Leonard, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, will deliver the sermon, and Dr. H. W. Armstead will give the Pythian address. Musical numbers will be furnished by the Bethel choir, and Mrs. Maude Beatty will give a solo.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Sunday will be the last "monster meeting" for this season, and the management hope that it will be a record-breaker in point of attendance. Dr. E. W. S. Hammond, the dean of Braden Bible Training School of Walden University, at Nashville, Tenn., will be the speaker of the ray, and the men are sure of getting a treat, as the Doctor is rated as one of the best pulpit orators of the Negro race. In addition to Dr. Hammond, the Colored Y. M. C. A. Orchestra will give a specially prepared musicale, beginning promptly at 3 P. M., just as the doors of Jones Tabernacle are opened. All men are invited to come and will be made welcome.

While the monster meetings will close next Sunday, a series of practical or confidential talks to men will be conducted in the Colored Y. M. C. A. building on each Sunday afternoon during the month of April. The talks will be along lines of the social evil. These talks will be to men only—boys under sixteen years of age will not be admitted. The talks will be held in the auditorium of the association building, corner West North and California streets, and will begin at 3:30 P. M. There will be no charge for admission.

The Life Problems Bible Study Club invites all men of the city to meet with them in their regular weekly session on next Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock. Rev. D. F. White is the leader of this class.

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The fortieth annual session of the Lexington District Conference opened in this city Wednesday morning, and will continue over Sunday. Bishop W. F. Anderson, of Chattanooga, Tenn., is presiding. The delegates number nearly 200, beside the general officers and a number of visitors. The conference was welcomed to the church by George L. Knox, and to the city by Charles A. Bookwalter. Welcome was also extended on the part of the several ministerial organizations of the city. Three sessions have been held daily, with a large attendance. The lecture by the Rev. Joshua Stansfield, last evening, was an attractive feature of the week's services. The visiting ministers will fill local pulpits Sunday. Many of the ministers are accompanied by their wives, and there are many women among the visitors. Rev. J. S. Bailey, pastor of Simpson Chapel, succeeded in securing pleasant homes for the 178 delegates, which speaks well for his executive ability and for the willingness of the people of the city to aid him in his efforts to entertain the conference. A fuller account of the conference details will be given in this paper next week.

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Dr. A. N. Prince. Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of Texas, was in the city Saturday on his annual visit, and encouraged the brothers very much. The past two years of Dr. Prince's administration has been very successful, there being many lodges added to the jurisdiction....Miss Willie Walls is sick with the la grip....The Hon. C. C. Lawson has returned from south Texas, where he had success.

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CASH CAPITAL, $150,000.00

Assets		
Cash on hand and in bank........................	$ 52,488.38	
Loans on real estate........................	184,778.83	
Bonds owned........................	56,480.27	
* Bills and accounts receivable........................	5,230.58	
Loans on collateral........................	25,600.00	
Real estate owned........................	1,368.93	
Interest accrued........................	4,493.60	
* Furniture and fixtures........................	12,317.09	
Total assets........................		$342,757.68
Liabilities		
Reserve on life element........................	$ 81,094.06	
Reserve on casuality element........................	13,819.70	
Reserve for undetermined claims........................	3,144.96	
Agents' bond deposits........................	4,552.62	
Taxes, accrued but not due........................	9,000 00	
Contingent reserve........................	10,000.00	
Total liabilities........................		$121,611.34
Surplus to policyholders........................		$221,146.34

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